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HEBREN HEBREN ENGLISH ISRAEL and the US have completed a trait, which addresses unsigned understandings achieved by the previous government, in an effort to restart the Israeli-Syrian like the previous Middle Fast dialogue. US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross will bring from Anarchem to Zhou Edi the region next week. the draft to Syria when he visits

The development of the draft comes after reports, confirmed by sources, that prime minister Yitzhak Rabin made a conditional YIZDAK KADIN BIAGE & CONCENTRAL PROMISE to President Bill Clinton that Israel would withdraw from the Golan to the June 4, 1967 borders as part of a peace treaty, once Israel was satisfied with Golanrelated security arrangements and normalization.

State Department approach Nicholas Burns said yesterday that the draft was penned following Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, after Netanyahu met Clinton on Monday.

"Now we will be going back to the Syrians," he said. "We have produced some ideas that we hope might lead to progress and convince Israel and Syria that they ought to reinitiate conversations.

Obviously, now having heard the views of the prime minister and his advisers, we will be going back to the Syrians. I can't tell you whether that contact was made this morning or whether it will be made tomorrow, but it will be

made," he said. Channel 2 reported that Israel, in the draft, accepted some of the understandings reached between Svria and the Labor government. but refused to commit to adopting

all of them. While The Jerusalem Post has reported that Rabin conditionally promised Clinton - apparently in 1994 - to fully withdraw from the Golan if he was satisfied with security arrangements and normalization, Yediot Aharonot revealed yesterday that the commitment to fully withdraw includes pulling back to the June 4, 1967 borders.

In contrast, then-foreign minister Shimon Peres privately had proposed withdrawing to the international boundary, which is several kilometers east of the June 4, 1967

According to the Yediot account, Rabin agreed to make the conditional promise after he received an oral message from Syrian President Hafez Assad, via the US, that he would accept all of Israel's conditions regarding security

arrangements. However, this could not be con-

Rabin did not inform Peres of this promise. Peres and his top Activities and activities activities and activities activities activities and activities activities and activities activitie aides first found out about it around the time of Rabin's funeral. According to the Yediot account, (Continued on Page 2)



Haggai Amir (left), Dror Adani, and Yigal Amir appear relaxed in court yesterday, where they were found guilty of conspiring to murder prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. Story, Page 2. (Ibm Ossendryver Israel Smr)

Search for missing soldier continues

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Edri was last seen at about 10:30

officer turned down his request for

Edri's family rejected the police theory that Sharon disappeared due

to a dispute with his commander.

"He is a responsible young man,

who is strong and stable," a family

medical leave, according to the

police spokesman.

AS the search for missing soldier Sharon Edri continued yesterday evening, Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit said that it appears his' disappearance is related to a dis-

pute he had with his commander. The soldier was apparently called back to his base when he was on leave," and this upset him, Amit, who oversaw the search, told

reporters. Edri, 20, serves in a Nahal unit, and the search centered along the route from his home in Moshav Zanoah, near Beit Shemesh, to the

Tzrifin army base, just outside The police and army were quick to call for a large search out of concern that his disappearance was terror-related. By yesterday evening,

friend said. Hundreds of policemen, soldiers, and volunteers took part in the search during the day. After nightfall, only a small group of searchers continued work.

Amit said that in addition to the foot search, much effort was being put into intelligence work. however, investigators believed it was unlikely he was kidnapped or

The police last night urged people otherwise fell victim to terrorists. to join the search and asked all

Israel's population at 5.7 million **DAVID HARRIS**

ON the eye of 5757, Israel's population stands at some 5,716,000, the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday.

Some 4,620,000 residents (80.8 percent) are Jewish, with 835,000 (14.6%) Moslems, 166,000 (2.9%) Christians, and 95,000 (1.7%)

The population increased by 141,000 over the last 12 months, or 2.5%, a drop from 2.6% last year. The percent of new immigrants among the yearly increase dropped to 40% from 42%.

Eleven-justice panel to rule on fate of Nahmani embryos

ELEVEN Supreme Court justices will rule this morning on whether a man can prevent his ex-wife from using eggs fertilized in vitro with his sperm to produce a baby.

The court is hearing the case of Danny and Ruti Nahmani, who, since Run could not have a child normally, agreed that they would fertilize her eggs with his sperm in vitro and then implant them in a surrogate mother. When the marriage later broke up, however, Danny asked that the fertilized eggs be destroyed.

The eggs are probably Ruti's last hance at motherhood, since she is imlikely to be able to produce note even if she could find anothr sperm donor.

The Haifa District Court initially uled in Ruti's favor, but the lupreme Court overturned thislecision last year in a 4-1 verdict, pling that a man cannot be made a ther against his will. Ruti then sked for a rehearing before an xpanded panel of justices, and the ourt, in a precedent-setting ruling. greed to do so despite the fact that

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the original case had already been heard by an expanded panel (the norm is three justices). In an 8-3 decision, the court ruled that issues as new and important to society as in vitro fertilization and surrogate motherhood should be decided by at least a majority of the 14-member court, rather than by a fivemember panel.

In the court's original ruling last year, the majority justices wrote that a husband's consent should be required at every stage of in vitro fertilization - just as it is in most of the rest of the Western world because forcing a man to become a parent against his will would vio-

late his fundamental human rights In his dissent, Justice Zvi Tal argued that the right to have a child "a woman's most basic right." which "dwarfs the inconvenience of 'forced' parenthood.'
Furthermore, he said, Run would have a baby if the process she and Danny started were allowed to take its natural course, so the court's decision represented an unnatural interference similar to forcing a

woman to have an abortion. The chances of the expanded panel overturning the original decision are slim, however. For it to do so, five of the six justices who were added to the panel would have to side with Tal's minority opinion.



US masses B52's, stealth fighters near Iraq

Perry: Saddam will learn we are not playing games

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - Iraqi forces fired a missile at US warplanes over northern Iraq yesterday and the Pentagon said it was moving F-117A "stealth" fighters and B-52 bombers near Iraq in apparent preparation for new strikes against President Saddam Hussein's military.

US Defence Secretary William Perry said the Iraqi forces "will very soon learn that we are not playing games" and warned that any retaliation would be "disproportionate" to what he called new Iraqi provocations.

Eight stealth jets were being sent to Kuwait and the B-52s were already on a British base on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, according to administration and defense sources.

Meanwhile, US defense officials said an Iraqi MiG-25 and a mili-tary helicopter defied US warnings and briefly flew into a no-fly zone in southern Iraq. No shots were

Although the Iraqi SAM-6 sur-

face-to-air missile missed the US

F-16 fighters over northern lraq in the morning, that triggered an escalation in a face-off which last Tuesday and Wednesday saw US cruise missile attacks on southern Perry told reporters the US was

moving radar-avoiding F-117A stealth fighters, used to bomb Iraq during the 1991 Gulf war, to a country nearby. He would not say where, except to stress it was not Saudi Arabia.

US officials said privately that

eight F-117s would fly to bases in Kuwait on Iraq's southern border after the emirate granted permis-

Other officials said US B-52 bombers like those used in the cruise missile raids on southern Iraq last week had been moved from Guam in the Pacific to a British air base on Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

While the cruise missiles launched by warships and bombers last week targeted only air defense targets in southern Iraq, the US hinted that any new strikes could be more widespread.

"In Iraq, air defense crews are playing some kind of a game, and they will very soon learn that we are not playing games," Perry told (Continued on Page 2)

IMF issues highly critical report of Labor's handling of the economy

THE policies of the previous government caused the current economic crisis, the International Monetary Fund says in a report it issued at the conclusion of its annual visit to Israel yesterday.

While the Labor-led government was not mentioned by name, the major criticisms in the report are clearly leveled at the previous administration.

Last night, Edri's parents "The decision to depart from the pre-1994 fiscal consolidation path can only be viewed as a mistake," ever, and progress in some areas is

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the IMF writes. "Expansionary fiscal policy during the last two years strained the economy's resources even further, and did so by boosting consumption rather than investment."

While praising most of the economic policies of the new government in its attempt to rectify the situation, the report points out, "much remains to be done, howhard to discern, notably on privatization."

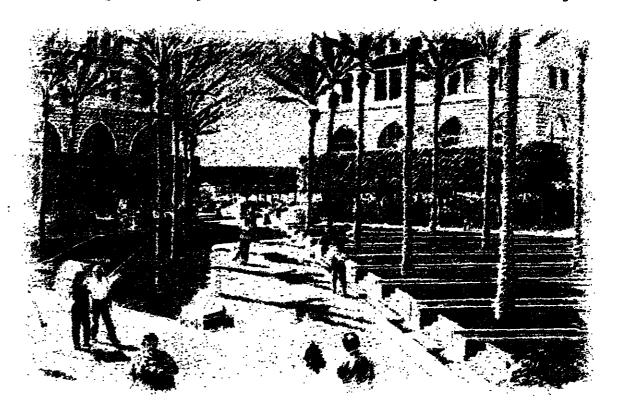
Former finance minister Avraham Shohat refused to comment on the document, but Yossi Beilin, who was economics minister in the last government, admit-

ted, "We made mistakes." However, he cast doubt on the government's ability to stick to its declared policies, something the IMF said it must do to avoid a serious financial crisis.

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Court judges yesterday convicted Yigal

Rabin and wounding his bodyguard.
Shlomo Amir and his daughter Hadass and Haggai Amir and Dror Adani of conspiracy to murder prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, conspiring to hurt Arabs and damage their property, and possession and transportation of weapons.

The decision, by Judges Amnon Strashnov, Ze'ev Hamer, and Shelly Timen was unanimous. Pre-sentencing arguments and sentencing were postponed until October 3.

The maximum sentence for illegal possession and manufacture of weapons is 15 years' imprisonment. For conspiracy, the maximum sentence is a sevenyear term. Prosecutor Penina Guy intends to request the maximum sentences for all defendants, to run consec-

Yigal Amir is already serving a life sentence plus six years for assassinating

were present to hear the verdict in the heavily guarded courtroom. All three defendants appeared relaxed and Yigal smiled faintly throughout the proceedings. After the verdict, Hadass Amir said that the proceedings "had no meaning and the only judge of my brothers is God, I didn't expect the court to conduct a fair trial."

Defense lawyers Shmuel Fleishman, Moshe Meroz, and Zion Amir said they would appeal to the Supreme Court. Meroz, Haggai Amir's lawyer, said he

was "disappointed with the verdict, but certain rulings by the court may be in our favor regarding sentencing."

But Zion Amir, representing Adani, said he was neither surprised nor disappointed.

"In such a high-profile case, I did not expect the court to separate itself from

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general public feeling surrounding the murder of Rabin," Amir said. "Therefore, I am not disappointed. I did not expect the court's impartiality."

Haggai Amir was also charged with manufacturing explosives and making the hollow-point bullets used to kill Rabin. Some 65 such bullets, large caches of explosives, bombs, and other ammunition - some manufactured and some stolen from the IDF - were discovered by police at the Amirs' Herzliya

Previous attempts by Meroz to argue that Haggai's confessions to police and the GSS were made under pressure were discounted in earlier hearings, and Strashnov ruled that his testimony was genuine but he had simply later regretted his statements. Yigal had tried to protect Haggai by insisting he

had acted alone, Strashnov ruled, so Haggai would not be charged with the

Haggai's testimony to police and the GSS, Strashnov added, specifically mentioned decisions to kill Rabin, thus supporting conspiracy charges.

"Haggai Amir said that he and his brother reached the decision to harm Rabin," Strashnov said.

In delivering the 50-page verdict, Strashnov said that defense claims that Haggai tried to dissuade his brother from murdering Rabin by suggesting such "ridiculous" ideas as poisoning the water supply at Rabin's home or boobytrapping his car or microphone, were in fact genuine suggestions. Haggai actually conspired with his brother, with full criminal intent to kill Rabin, Strashnov

The defense had also claimed that Yigal had taken his brother on a car ride around Rabin's home "by coincidence" to discuss various ideas on how to murder him. But Strashnov ruled that the car ride was intentional, with Haggai's con-

Defense lawyers had argued that ideas discussed between the three were not serious and were only "living room conversations," but Strashnov dispelled

Haggai's original intention was to obtain - via the IDF - an M-16 rifle, on the grounds that he lived in the territories. He would then fit a silencer to it and give it to his brother to use to murder Rabin. But he was not given a license for the M-16, since he did not meet the desired criteria. However, the brothers tried out an Uzi, provided by Adani, and fitted it with an improvised

All three defendants were found guilty of forming an organization to harm Arabs and their property, including plans to sabotage electrical cables.

Adani would visit the Amir brothers regularly and knew of their plans, Strashnov concluded. He even offered to help booby-trap a car near Rabin's Ramat Aviv home. He temporarily severed his contact with the Amirs, renewing it about six months prior to the mur-

Strashnov agreed that Adani's played less of a part in the conspiracy than Haggai Amir. "However, he still brought up ideas and went to a rabbi to ask if there was a din rodef on Rabin. The rabbi told him that it was forbidden to kill Rabin, but Adani put his own interpretation on the ruling." Strashnov said. In this case," Strashnov concluded, "justice has been done by the prosecu-

Report: US may hold back on cooperation with Egypt

ELDAD BECK and HILLEL KUTTLER

THE US is threatening to hold back on economic cooperation with Egypt, if Cairo refuses to host the third Middle East regional economic summit to protest the Netanyahu government's policies, according to a report in the daily Al-Hayat, published in

The report said a US delegation, headed by undersecretary John Spiro, that arrived in Cairo to prepare the summit made it clear that Washington intends to link fulfillment of the "Mubarak-Gore" cooperation agreement, signed in September 1994, with the holding of the Cairo summit.

Al-Hayat quotes Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's political adviser Osama Baz as saying that Egypt is examining the possibility of postponing the summit, since "the atmosphere is not appropriate." However the Americans told the Egyptians that cancelling or postponing the summit will produce negative political and economic consequences. The US believes that many of the countries invited to the summit will decide not to take part in the meeting if it is delayed, and that investors and businessmen who are expected to attend the summit will avoid any financial commitments.

The US is urging the Egyptians to help in efforts to resume the peace process by holding the summit on time.

Egyptian officials in Washington said they have heard nothing of the US's reported

"All the preparation for the summit is going on, so there is no problem," an embassy official

He added that recent declara-tions by Mubarak and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa on the need for Israel to fulfill its commitments to the Palestinians deal with "the essentials for the summit: If there will not be progress. the Arab countries will not send delegations. We never said it's a condition, [but] it would facilitate the success of the conference."

Palestinians stream across a second Gaza crossing point for workers opened by Israel yesterday. The Sova checkpoint in the southern Gaza Strip will cut commuting time for between 800 and 900 Palestinians, who previously traveled to jobs in southern Israel through the northern Erez crossing.

Temple Mount Faithful demand halt to Wakf construction on Mount

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THE Temple Mount Faithful yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to force the police to stop the Wakf's illegal building on the Temple Mount.

The Wakf has recently been engaged in extensive building on the southern section of the mount, destroying several archeological remains from the Second Temple period, the petition noted.

Since the Wakf never obtained a permit for this work, the Jerusalem Municipality filed a complaint in the local affairs court, which issued an injunction ordering the work to be halted. The Wakf ignored the order, however, as it does not recognize israel's

sovereignty over the mount, so the city asked the police to enforce the injunction. However, the petition said, the police refused to do so, on the grounds that it would cause rioting among the Arabs. The petition noted that the police's decision is in direct violation of

a 1993 High Court ruling on an earlier Temple Mount Faithful petition about illegal building by the Wakf. In this ruling, the justices upheld the authorities' decision not to take any action against the illegal building, most of which had been completed years earlier. However, they sharply criticized the authorities' negligence, demanded that the law be enforced from then on, and said they agreed to overlook this negligence only because of the authorities' promise to uphold the law in the

Furthermore, the petition said, the police's decision not to enforce a court order due to threats of violence destroys the entire concept of the rule of law, and will encourage widespread disobedience to the law by any group willing to back up its disobedience with violence. This decision is therefore completely unreasonable, the petition charged.

The petition also asked the court to order a criminal investigation into the illegal building, with the aim of putting the perpetrators on trial.

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High Court upholds Shetreet plan for Druse religious council

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THE High Court of Justice yesterday upheld the composition of a council has been the subject of a court battle between different segments of the community for the

past two years. During these two years, the community has not only lacked a religious council, but its religious court of appeals also has been inoperative and its lower religious court has operated with only one kadi, since only the religious

council can appoint kadis. The previous, three-member Druse religious council dissolved after the 1993 death of the community's spiritual leader, Sheikh Amin Tarif. Then-religious affairs minister Yitzhak Rabin decided to replace it with a 45-member council, which would include the heads (sa'isim) of all 30 Druse houses of worship, plus 15 other religious leaders - seven chosen by the sa'isim and eight chosen by the

minister. Several petitions were filed against this decision, charging that it did not give adequate represen-

new Druse religious council. The tation to secular Druse. The High ship, and even submitted a reli- Shetreet's system can be imple-Court ruled that the ministry should study the views of all fac-

tions involved, then decide whether to revise its decision. After this information-gathering process, then-religious affairs minister Shimon Shetreet decide to change the composition of the council. He suggested a 60-member council composed of the 30 sa'isim, 15 appointees of the Druse local councils, and 15 mem-

bers appointed by the minister, in consultation with the local councils and the sa'isim. However, this decision was also challenged by several petitions.

The petitioners argued that the decision gave a minority faction of the community - that headed by the Tarif family - control over the majority; did not provide adequate representation to secular Druse; and violated democratic principles, since the council members would not be elected. They wanted a council elected by all registered members of a house of worgious ruling by several dozen Druse scholars saying that ministerial appointments to the council would violate Druse law.

Other factions of the community supported Shetreet's plan, however, and submitted their own religious ruling, signed by 155 Druse scholars, saying appointments by the minister were okay, but elections would violate Druse law.

After several attempts to reach a compromise failed, Justices Eliezer Goldberg and Yitzhak Zamir, with Mishael Cheshin dissenting, upheld the Shetreet plan. This plan gives some representation to both religious and secular factions, since the latter can attain seats either as the local councils' candidates or as the minister's appointees. Thus, even if it does not provide as fair a reflection of the community's make-up as elections would, it is not so unreasonable as to justify the court's interference, they said.

This is especially true given the

urgent need to appoint a religious council immediately, since mented much more quickly than elections, they said. Furthermore, the new council will only be in place for five years, during this

that neither Rabin nor Shetreet had the authority to draw up new regulations, because they were never asked to do so by the Druse themselves. Furthermore, he said, the Shetreet system violates a fundamental democratic principle, and therefore should be replaced by elections, even if these will take

time, the new minister can study the issue and introduce reforms if needed, they added.

Cheshin, in his dissent, argued

Army blocks passage of caravans for settlers' classrooms

SETTLERS are furious over the army's refusal to permit several caravans earmarked for use as classrooms to cross the Green

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Line yesterday. The caravans were en route from Beersheba to Alon Shvut, near Gush Etzion, yesterday morning, when they were stopped near Beit Haggai because they did not have the necessary permit. Moving caravans into the territories, or even from one site to another within the territories, requires a permit from the civil administration.

According to civil administration spokesman Peter Lerner, there were 25 caravans in the convoy; Yishayahu Yehieli, deputy head of the Gush Etzion regional council, put the number at 10.

Eventually, the army sent the caravans back across the Green Line, and they remain parked near one of the army roadblocks. It was the fact that they were sent back rather than merely halted which especially infuriated the settlers.

That is something that was never done, even under the Labor Party," Yehieli said.

Even if the army had simply halted the convoy, it would have been a departure from recent policy, Yehieli said, since over the past few weeks some 200 caravans have been moved across the Green Line before all the papers were in place. The paperwork for yesterday's convoy had been mostly been completed, he added, but one final paper was needed from one particular clerk whom the council was unable to locate.

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Lerner denied Yehieli's assertion that the decision was the act of one officer rather than army policy. The army's policy is to stop any caravan traffic without proper authorization, he said.

Another reason the settlers considered the army's decision to be unreasonable, Yehieli said, is that the caravans were not actually going to be set up yet. The regional council merely wanted them moved to a warehouse in Alon Shvut immediately to prevent someone else from grabbing them.

"If they stay in Beersheba another two weeks, there won't be any left," he said.

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Golan lobby: We were right about Labor gov't

Residents Golan Committee was not surprised by the revelations in Yediot Aharonot reporter Orly Azulai-Katz's soon-to-be published book claiming that late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin had made a commitment to the US that Israel would withdraw from all of the Golan to the June 4, 1967 borders.

These revelations prove that we were right when we charged that the [previous] government was prepared to withdraw from all of the Golan, even though the government denied it at the time." said Golan Residents Committee (GRC) spokesman

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Uri Heitner.

Heitner said he is cautious about some details in the book, because there appear to be some discrepancies, especially about Rabin's willingness to withdraw to the 1967, as opposed to the international, border

"It is also far from certain that the Syrians agreed to all the security arrangements demanded by Rabin. Nevertheless, it is clear, because we have this from so many different sources, that both Rabin and Peres were prepared for a complete withdrawal from the Golan," said Heitner.

The family

"Now the Syrians are demanding that the negotiations resume

from the point where they stopped in May, even though now, according to the book, they have backtracked on their security arrange-

"We are very happy that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has not agreed to this, especially since he was voted into power to prevent a withdrawal from the

"We call on Netanyahu to continue on his path and carry this out by increased settlement development on the Golan and by reinforcing the Golan law," added

(Continued from Page 1) which is based on a forthcoming Hebrew book on Peres by its reporter Orly Azulai-Katz, Clinton asked Peres to reaffirm

Rabin's conditional promise,

which Peres did.

This issue of what Rabin told Clinton is assuming relevance today, as the Syrians ask the Netanyahu government to affirm these understandings. The Netanyahu government views the understandings - which include a May 1995 unsigned Israeli-Syrian paper that declares "equality" will be the principle governing security arrangements - as non-binding. The draft written this week in

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(Continued from Page 1) reporters. "The responses that we will make ... will be disproportionate with the provocations which are made against us." Defense officials said the stealth

fighters could be used at night to drop laser-guided bombs on Iraqi command and control centers if President Bill Clinton ordered "Once again, we say what we

have been saying: We reserve the right to take action to protect our pilots who are enforcing the nofly zones in northern Iraq and Clinton's Iraq," spokesman Mike McCurry said. He said US forces were continuing to fly missions to enforce the no-fly zones established in north and south Iraq.

In Baghdad, the Iraqi News Agency quoted an Iraqi military spokesman as saying air defense units used artillery and missiles against US and allied warplanes over north and south Iraq yesterday. A Pentagon official said he could not confirm an attack on US flights in the south.

The SAM-6 surface-to-air missile, fired yesterday at two US F-16 jcts, missed the planes and caused them no damage, Pentagon officials said. They had earlier said that two missiles were fired, but said information given by the pilots later indicated only one was

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Washington deals precisely with the question of the validity of past verbal or unsigned understand-

It seems the Netanyahu government still insists that past arrangements are not binding, but reportedly is willing to "take them into account" during negotiations.

Netanyahu reportedly told journalists accompanying him back to Israel yesterday that he had accomplished three goals on his trip: "strengthening of ties with the American-Jewish community; strengthening ties with US President Bill Clinton; and arriving at a formula to allow for a

renewal of the talks with Syria." Netanyahu called his meeting with Clinton "open and like with

"There was chemistry between us, we clicked, it was an open, relaxed meeting," a Channel 1 reporter quoted him as saying. Eldad Beck adds:

family."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister David Levy said that Syria is asking for more details about the "Lebanon first" proposal. In an interview published in the French daily Lc Figaro, Levy said, "The Syrians have publicly rejected this proposal, but recently we have gotten certain indications they would like to have details about

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Police seek help in catching robber TEL Aviv police have appealed to the public for

help in identifying a bank robber who made off with NIS 10,000 from Discount Bank's Yehuda Macabbi Street branch in Tel Aviv on August 25. Part of the robbery, carried out by a man armed with a pistol, was filmed by the Compumedia company's new digital video recording system, Videowatch, which is cur-

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Hapoalim and Discount Banks. For over a year, banks have been debating

whether to install expensive video systems to prevent robberies and identify perpetrators. Former Internal Security minister Moshe Shahal initiated discussions with the Bank rently being tested in several branches of Association and police, but so far no perma-

nent CCTV arrangements have been instituted,

apparently because of the cost. There were four cameras in the Yehuda Maccabi branch, two of which recorded the robber's movements, the robbery and his exit. This is the first time that a bank robbery has been documented on video.

Anyone with information on the theft is asked to phone (03)-545-4414 or (03)-545-4418.

Jeweler remanded for allegedly hiring hit man

A JERUSALEM jeweler, who allegedly hired someone to kill a - relative of his for opening a jewelry store that competed with his own, was remanded yesterday for eight days in Jerusalem : Magistrates' Court.

The suspect, Raul Pe'er, allegedly contacted the hit man Monday night. In exchange for NIS 10,000, they agreed the hit man would kill

Guy Tatravili by faking a traffic accident and setting Tatravili on fire inside his car, according to

Detectives, tipped off about the deal, detained both Pe'er and the man he hired later the same

Police declined to give details about the hit man, who was not remanded. Pe'er, 33, admitted having a dis-

pute with Tatravili, but denied planning to kill him. Tatravili learned the trade while

working at Pe'er's jewelry store on Rehov Ben-Hillel. About three years ago, Tatravili opened his own jewelry store nearby, and since then the two have been in

Police said they had complaints on record from Tarravili and his wife about past threats and attacks

Bus driver gets 4 years for crash which killed 8

THE Jerusalem District Court yesterday sentenced Egged bus driver Haim Shmaryahu, 56, whose bus overturned while he was speeding, to four years'

imprisonment plus two years' suspended sentence. The court also permanently revoked his license to drive buses, and suspended his license to drive a car for 12 years.

Last week, the court found Shmaryahu guilty of manslaughter and causing serious injury in the accident, which killed eight and injured 10. According to an investigation conducted after the accident occurred last October, Shmaryahu had been driving bus No. 487 at 108 kph in the rain on a steep, curvy part of the route between Jerusalem and Ein Gedi

when he lost control of the bus. Judge Yehudit Tsur declared that he had been speeding recklessly, considering the circumstances and the additional safety regulations that apply to bus

he had been driving a public bus and because of the high number of faralities resulting from the accident. Furthermore, she said, the high fatality rate of traffic accidents requires that such crimes be dealt with

Her ruling also took into consideration the injuries Shmaryahu received in the accident, and his agreement not to drive buses in the future.

This is a very severe punishment, that will, without a doubt, serve as an important deterrent to Egged's drivers as well as all other drivers," Egged spokesman Ron Ratner said yesterday.

However, the sentence's harshness dismayed and shocked Egged, he added.

An internal Egged committee had found Shmaryahu guilty immediately after the accident and suspended him.

Jewish Agency to launch aliya program in Germany

ABOUT 80 percent of the Jews from the former Soviet Union currently living in Germany are unemployed and the Jewish Agency is about to embark on a program to bring them to Israel.

Special emissaries will begin working with the community in Germany next month and many will be provided with on-the-spot training to enable them to find work in the Israeli market, Agency Treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda said yesterday. Ben-Yehuda, who visited the community during the summer, drew up the absorption plan which was endorsed by the recent meeting of the agency's Board of

"The [former Soviet] community is cut off from the remainder of the Jewish community in Germany and its members feel alienated," he said. "There are particular problems with the youth who cannot find their

BATSHEVA TSUR largest Jewish community in western Europe, after Britain and place in schools and society." France. This is a Zionist and moral He said youngsters would be issue of the first order," Benoffered the possibility of joining the Na aleh-16 program, Yehuda said.

Meanwhile, the agency and under which youth come to study in Israeli boarding the Absorption Ministry announced yesterday that 70,500 new immigrants have schools and are often followed by their parents. arrived in Israel since last Rosh Since the wave of Jewish emi-Hashana, 58,000 of them from gration from the former Soviet Union began in late 1989, some

This brings the total of new immigrants since September 1989 to 746,500, of whom 50,000 Jews settled in Germany. They were attracted by what they saw as cultural and climatic sim-641,580 came from the CIS. ilarities and by welfare benefits Another 250 new immigrants offered by the German authoriare expected to land here tonight in time for the New Year. "Before the end of 1989, there were 27,000 Jews in Germany.

The number of North American immigrants in the past year was 2,800, and 2,200 came from Latin America. Some 4,300 Jews made aliya from Europe, not including the CIS, and 3,200 came from other places, the agency spokesman said.

Two officers convicted for bribing soldier to take blame for accident

COL. (res.) Moshe Galili, former comman-Jer of the IDF's National Rescue Unit, and Maj. (res.) Oded Saguy were convicted ecently by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court of fraud, breach of trust, obstructing justice and fabricating evidence for bribing a sollier to take the blame for a traffic violation.

The charges, to which the two confessed. elated to an incident which occurred while he two were on reserve duty. According to he conviction, Galili, 64, of Petah Tikva. nd Saguy, 55, of Alfei Menashe, paid NIS

In July 1989, Galili was caught speeding on the Geha Highway. Galili feared that his license would be revoked, so Saguy suggested that they get a solider in their unit, Eyal Yakar, to take the blame and promised him they would pay the fine and get him transferred to the rescue unit for this reserve

evidence, as they wrote a letter to the army saying Yakar was speeding because he had 2,000 to an IDF soldier to compensate him been paged by his army beeper. This was not accepted job offers because of my vice proposal.

presented as evidence in court, and as a shame and sorrow," Galili told the court. result a symbolic fine of NIS 50 was given. Later, Galili and Saguy were unable to transfer Yakar to their unit, and Yakar asked for NIS 2,000 in compensation. He later

reported the entire affair to the authorities. Galili, who recently returned from Argentina where he was a Defense Ministry emissary, expressed regret in court. His The two were charged with fabricating attorney said he felt he was an Israeli hero who had been turned into a criminal. "I

Saguy's attorney said his client had left the military after a 15-year career because of the incident.

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The defense attorney's asked the court to give the two community service as punishment, while the prosecution asked for a sentence to be served through community ser-

The judge said he would issue his sentence at a later date, and in the meantime have been through a difficult time and have asked the two to present a community ser-

NEWS IN BRIEF

The former Soviet Jews have

swelled their numbers to close to

80,000 and, if the trend continues,

we expect the number to reach

100,000 at the end of the century.

This makes Germany the third

Arab school to get more staff
Additional staff will be added to the Arab sector's only special
education school so that 11 youngsters with severe hearing and/or vision impairments can study there, the Education Ministry said yesterday. Attorney Hassan Jabareen, representing the families, said he did not yet have this promise in writing, but was hopeful the children could start school as early as tomorrow.

Originally, the ministry had refused to okay the extra staff due to lack of funds and ordered the children placed in regular schools. However, it reversed itself in response to Jabareen's complaint to the State Attorney's Office and press coverage.

Burg to investigate reports about post-war distribution of stolen Jewish assets

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg said yesterday he was investigating media reports of Swiss and British involvement in the post-World War II distribution of Jewish gold and assets plundered by the Nazis. Burg, who is currently in the US, said he would consider raising the issue at the next meeting of the Volcker committee looking into Holocaust assets. Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, Jewish Agency Treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda has written to Swiss President Jean-Pascal Delamuraz asking for his intervention in locating funds deposited not only by Jews but by the Nazis and their collaborators who looted assets from their Jerusalem Post Staff

PA, Israel request Hebron observers remain Acting Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur and the head of the Palestinian Authority's Steering Committee Saeb Erekat met in Jerusalem to sign a letter to be presented to Norway's Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs to request an extension of the Norwegian Observer Force in Hebron's mandate Jerusalem Post Staff

NEWS IN BRIEF

Twelve-year-old boy killed by train

A 12-year-old boy was killed when he was hit by a train while he was crossing a railway track south of Nahariya yesterday. The spokesman for the Galilee police district said the youngster was cycling to school and failed to stop at the railway crossing barrier even though it was down because of the train on the track.

Man tries to kill woman, commit suicide

A Nahal Iron man slashed the throat of a woman yesterday and then tried to commit suicide by stabbing himself. They were both listed as being in serious condition at Hadera's Hillel Yoffe Hospital yesterday. The man has a history of mental illness. Police said they are trying to determine the relationship between the two.

Demand for fire victim committee

A committee of ministry directors-general should be set up to help the victims of last week's Jerusalem Corridor fire, the Knesset Economics Committee demanded yesterday.

Meir Vizel, head of the Judea Regional Council, told the committee that a directors-general committee was set up after last year's big fire, and succeeded in solving all the problems to the residents' satisfaction. The residents would therefore like to see a similar committee this time, he said.

Nine injured in clash between families

A fight broke out between two families in the Jabal Mukaber neighborhood of eastern Jerusalem yesterday morning, with nine people injured by stones and clubs before police arrived to break up the dispute, police said. Eight people were detained.

The fight was apparently sparked by a dispute between the families over land, a police spokeswoman said. She added that in a search of the suspects' homes, an uzi machine gun and three cartridges were found, which were apparently fired during the clash.

However, there were no injuries from the gunfire.

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State appeals sentence of baby-batterer

he state appealed to the Supreme Court yesterday against the enient sentence given a man who battered his 40-day-old baby. The man was convicted by the Beersheba District Court of breaking he baby's bones in nine places over a two-and-a-half week period, as vell as of causing hemorrhaging. However, Judge Ruth Avida entenced him to only 33 months, saying the state had not succeeded proving that the damage was the result of deliberate cruelty.

In her appeal, State Attorney Edna Arbel argued that there was no ay to explain so many serious injuries over an extended period of me as anything but deliberate cruelty, and therefore, the man eserved a much more severe sentence.

Petition demands speeding ticket for Justice Dorner

SUPREME Court Justice Dalia Domer, who was caught going 124 kilometers per hour in a 100-km/h zone, should be given a ticket for speeding just like anybody else, former Kach activist Noam Federman demanded in a petition to the High Court of Justice yes-

Dorner was caught speeding on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway in early August, but the policeman who stopped her let her off with a warning. After this was publicized in the media, Federman complained to the **EVELYN GORDON**

head of the traffic police, Asst-Cmdr. Udi Efrati, who agreed that people driving at such a speed should be ticketed and fined, and said instructions to this effect had been given to all the traffic police. However, Efrati said he did not intend to change the policeman's original decision and give Dorner a tick-

Federman therefore petitioned the High Court, arguing that pre-cisely because of her position as a Supreme Court justice, who frequently sits in judgment on other people, the police must treat her as they would any other violator. Otherwise, he said, it will appear that there is one law for ordinary citizens and another for the pow-

erful and important. There is no problem with giving her a ticket retroactively, he added, since this is done all the time. When the police photograph someone running a red light, for instance, they are often sent a ticket in the mail instead of being stopped at the time, he noted.

Reform movement: Police taking too much time in investigation of threatening phone calls HAIM SHAPIRO

THE Reform movement has charged that the police are dragging their feet in efforts to identify the callers who made hundreds of threatening telephone calls to the movement's Israel Religious Action Center, from pay tele-phones in or near yeshivot in Jerusalem.

In response, the police stressed the difficulties in identifying the callers, considering the yeshivot have hundreds of students who come and go at different times of the day.

related development. In a Masorti Movement charged that Nissim Ze'ev of Shas, head of the Jerusalem Municipality sites commission, had deliberately blocked allocating a site for a day care center which the movement wanted to set up in Pisgat Ze'ev. The commission had told the movement that it had to re-evaluate the needs of the neighborhood, but Rabbi Einat Rimon, spokesperson for the movement, noted that Ze'ev had boasted in the Jerusalem local press that the request would not pass because of the increased power of the haredim in the local

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World hails UN approval of nuclear test ban

LONDON (Reuter) - World leaders yesterday welcomed UN approval of an atomic weapons test ban, but cautioned that obstacles remained on the road to nuclear disarmament, as India is blocking the treaty from becoming

US President Bill Clinton hailed the General Assembly's 158-3 Tuesday vote in favor of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), as did others among the five declared nuclear states -US, Russia, Britain, France, and China.

Clinton said the concerns of India, which says it opposes the treaty because it does not go far enough in spelling out a timetable for global nuclear disarmament. could be addressed.

"I believe we can find a way for the Indians to have their security concerns met," he said.

Of the three undeclared nuclear states believed to have atomic programs, India has vowed to oppose the pact, Pakistan says it will not sign as long as India refuses to do so, and Israel supports the treaty. India exploded a nuclear device in 1974 and is one of the 44 nations which must ratify the

CTBT for it to enter into force. China, which on July 29 held what it said would be its last nuclear test before a self-imposed

following day, welcomed the UN endorsement and took the rare step of urging worldwide accession to

This undoubtedly conforms to the common interests of the entire international community," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang was quoted by the Xinhua news agency.

Britain and France both said they would sign the test ban treaty at the earliest possible date on September 24. US officials said Clinton, who cancelled further US tests in 1993, also plans to sign the treaty then at the UN.

French President Jacques Chirac, who caused a furor a year ago by staging six atomic tests in the South Pacific, bailed the test ban treaty as a turning point in the arms race.

This success should allow [the world] to turn the page of the nuclear arms race ... For future generations, it opens the hope of a world freed from the threat of the proliferation of atomic weapons," a government spokesman quoted

Chirac as saying.

European Union president Ireland said it welcomed the UN move, but Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said in a statement: "This treaty is not the end of the process. There is a need for further moratorium that took effect the systematic and progressive efforts

towards nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation."

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said: "We have jumped over one important hurdle on the way to a permanent ban on nuclear tests, but we have not yet reached our goal by any means. We may not be able to put the genie of the atom back into the bottle, but we have at least tamed it."

Japan, the only nation to suffer atomic bombing, led the chorus of praise among most Asian nations for the UN move.

"It is a big step forward," Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told reporters. "From now on, the international community must make its utmost efforts to persuade India and other countries to accept the treaty."

Pakistan, which has fought three wars with neighboring India since 1947, says although it voted in favor of the treaty, it will not sign the CTBT unless India does the

Australia said the UN endorsement of the landmark test ban treaty was a vital move towards ridding the world of nuclear weapons, but stressed the treaty was not perfect.

Malaysia called on those opposed to the CTBT at the United Nations India, Libya, and Bhutan to rethink their positions.



A boy sitting on top of a car joins other Sarajevans in waving flags during a spontaneous demonstration in support of Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and his SDA party yesterday. Bosnia's first post-war elections are to take place on Saturday.

France torn over how to counter Le Pen's National Front

PARIS (Reuter) - The French political establishment was torn yesterday over how to counter the far-right National Front, after its leader Jean-Marie Le Pen openly espoused racial inequality.

Some political leaders advocated banning the party or taking it to court for inciting racial hatred, after the outspoken Le Pen said that racial differences are "a fact."

Others were arguing, however, over election law reforms expected to help the Front break into the National Assembly, where it now has no seats, in the 1998 general

Mainstream politicians sounded in broad agreement, though, on their frustration over the Front's uncanny ability to grab the political spotlight and appear to thrive on bad publici-

Pen said on Monday: "To say that' ning, urban affairs and integration, the races are unequal is a fact, an unremarkable statement." He cited ter-right government, Prime

as an example the "obvious difference" between white and black athletes at the Olympics.

Former National Assembly speaker Henri Emmanuelli promptly called for the Front to be banned, and his Socialist Party later demanded that the government open a judicial probe of Le Pen's remarks. Inciting racial hatred is illegal under

Justice Minister Jacques Toubon threw cold water on the opposition Socialists' plea, suggesting a ban is unconstitutional and urging instead that all politicians individually "fight against these ideas in the political

The National Front has been saying the same thing for a long time. Those who are now asking to ban it . could have done so when they were Triggering a fresh firestorm, Le. Gandin, minister for territorial plan-

In a bit of bad timing for the cen-

Minister Alain Juppe had last week proposed a reform in election law that political analysts said would enable the Front to win a sizable bloc of seats in the National Assembly.

A major goal of the reforms appears to be an attempt at winning the Front's good will.

Angered by the government's perceived past wrongs, Le Pen has been routinely opposing all the ruling center-right's candidates, even when a Front candidate is not in the race.

The center-right is worried that the National Front could take enough votes from it in 1998 to hand control of parliament to the left, which governed until 1993. Le Pen won 15 percent of the vote

in last year's presidential elections. Front official Alain Vizier denied Le Pen knowingly set out to generate publicity over his views on racial differences, but acknowledged it would not surprise him if the party kept rising in opinion polls.

Man dives off bridge in dramatic rescue

HARRISON, New York (AP) - The rescue attempt meant a 46-meter swan dive into the Hudson River, but volunteer firefighter Daniel Santos stopped only to leave his wallet with a bystander. Yesterday, he was Page One news

in New York and a hero. Santos' Monday afternoon com-

mute ended on the Tappan Zee Bridge, when a woman just ahead of him slammed her car into a railing, got out, and jumped into the Santos, 21, reacted in what

friends said was predictable fash-ion. He got out of his pickup truck, walked to the rail, left the wallet, looked over the edge, and dived in. The drop left both Santos and the woman, Maria Cappozza, 24, of

Greenwich, Connecticut, injured and semiconscious, but alive.

Saddam offers amnesty in bid to keep Kurds at home

SULAYMANIYAH, Iraq (AP) -Seeking to prevent an exodus of Kurdish refugees, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein yesterday declared a general amnesty for all Kurds and lifted barriers between Iraq and the Kurdish area that have been in place since the safe haven was set up at the end of the 1991 Gulf war.

Reassured, some Kurds returned to the northeastern city of Sulaymaniyah, filling the roads with trucks, tractor-pulled carts and pickup trucks.

Others, still nervous, flooded into the rugged hills of neighboring Iran, including leaders of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), the losers in a week of fighting in northern Iraq.

At the UN refugee agency in Sulaymaniyah, officials drastically lowered their refugee estimates from 300,000 on Tuesday to 50,000. In addition, about half of the 50,000 refugees have returned home, said an official who requested anonymity.

About 5,000 Iraqis have crossed the Bashmaq border post into Iran, border guards said yesterday, and several thousand more are believed to have crossed elsewhere.

Those figures appeared to be in line, generally speaking, with the latest UN estimates.

There has been no fighting in northern Iraq since the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), backed by Iraqi troops, took control of the region Monday. As a result, many refugees who fled Sulaymaniyah have turned back and headed home.

However, Iran's official Teherr Radio said yesterday that 'ens of thousands" of Iraqi Kurds had entered Iran and that aid workers are struggling to provide food, water, and medical care for them in temporary camps along the border.

"Half our family is here, half is there," said Miriam Hussein, a mother of seven children. "I sent two of my daughters this morning to the Iranian side to find my two sons who had fled. But none have returned. Now I have four children over there.'

On the Iraqi side, a UN team was mobbed by refugees when it went to investigate the scene at the border.

Refugees desperate for help surrounded the UN vehicle and. for almost two hours, said one UN official.

In Sulaymaniyah, the KDP troops flaunted their new authority after capturing the city from their rivals, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan.

KDP fighters carrying AK-47 rifles rode through the streets in pickup trucks decorated with yellow flags and streamers. Women and children dressed in yellow the party color and merchants hastily plastered photocopied pictures of KDP leader Massoud Barzani on store win-

About 30 kilometers northeast of Sulaymaniyah, KDP fighters looted everything they could carry from the headquarters of the PUK.

Soldiers and villagers towed away air conditioners, wire, pipes, even light bulbs. One old man stumbled away with three fluorescent light tubes, a large ceramic urn, and a toilet seat.

At the fleatby two-story villa of PUK leader Jalal Talabati. looters filled trucks with furniture not completely destroyed in a fire. KDP soldiers claimed Talabani ordered the blaze set when it was certain that the town would be overrun.

The one object that survived wouldn't let the officials leave the fire unscathed was a large sculpture in front of the villa in the form of the PUK emblem: a hand grasping a red flower. Talabani and dozens of his top

commanders are among those who fled to Iran, according to border guards.

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Hurricane Hortense strengthens after pounding Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) -Hurricane Hortense strengthened yesterday over open waters and picked up speed as it moved away from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, where it dumped up to 50 cm. of rain and left at least eight people dead.

The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands were expected to bear the brunt of Hortense, which is moving northwest at 21 kph with dangerous 145 kph winds and tomential

Those rains pounded eastern Puerto Rico with near-record amounts on Tuesday, flooding major

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streets and highways and sending rivers and creeks surging over their banks. A flood warning remained in effect yesterday. Hortense cut water and electricity

to most of Puerto Rico's 3.6 million people, destroyed more than 650 homes, and stranded hundreds of cars with chest-high water in San Juan, the capital. A canal in southeastern Puerto

Rico burst its banks Tuesday night and swept away a house with four people inside. Police said the four were missing and feared drowned. Half the dead in Puerto Rico were

children, including an 8-year-old girl swept from her father's arms as her 13-year-old sister drowned. Residents watched the girls' father trying to save the younger child,

only to have the surging water drag her from his hands. The sisters' bodies were found under a bridge. Four

Her heart belongs to Boris

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP) - Not only did President Boris Yeltsin win Zinaida Boliyeva's vote, he may have won her heart literally. The 46-year-old woman has offered her heart to

the ailing Yeltsin if he needs a transplant, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported yesterday.
Yeltsin is scheduled to undergo heart surgery at the end of September. Details have not been given, but it is expected he will have a bypass

But if he needs a new heart, Boliyeva says he

It is not "self-sacrifice, but a common-sense civic act," ITAR-Tass quoted her as saying.

Boliyeva, from Beslan in the Caucasus republic of North Ossetia, made the offer to the local office of the pro-government movement Our Home Is Russia and asked that it be conveyed to the head of the country's top cardiological clinic. The Russian president must have a healthy

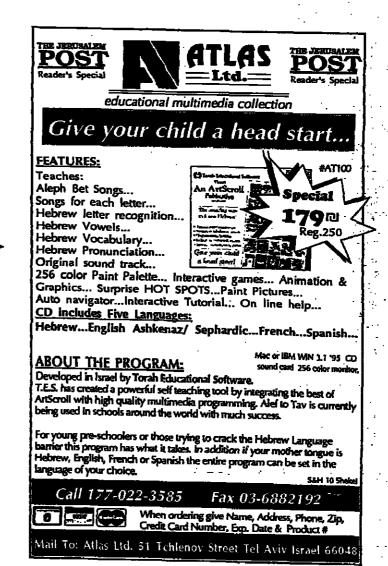
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she said, according to the report.

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Stall fashions, with pants suits carrying more thrust than skirts with jackets. Very businesslike, the premier choices are basic black, charcoal gray, café au lait, midnight blue, banker's stripes and herringbone tweeds.

The new fashion statements are in line with more women assuming executive roles in the workplace. The clothes they wear send out a clear signal that they want the respect which their positions merit. They do not want to be whistle bait, nor do they want to look too feminine in softly cut maxiskirts. They want everyone to know who's calling the shots, and they're choosing clothes with an

assertive image. The pants are straight but not tight, and the jackets, though lean, are not clinging. Those women executives who still prefer skirts to pants are opting for midi and knee-grazing lengths to ensure that the attention of male colleagues will not be diverted by

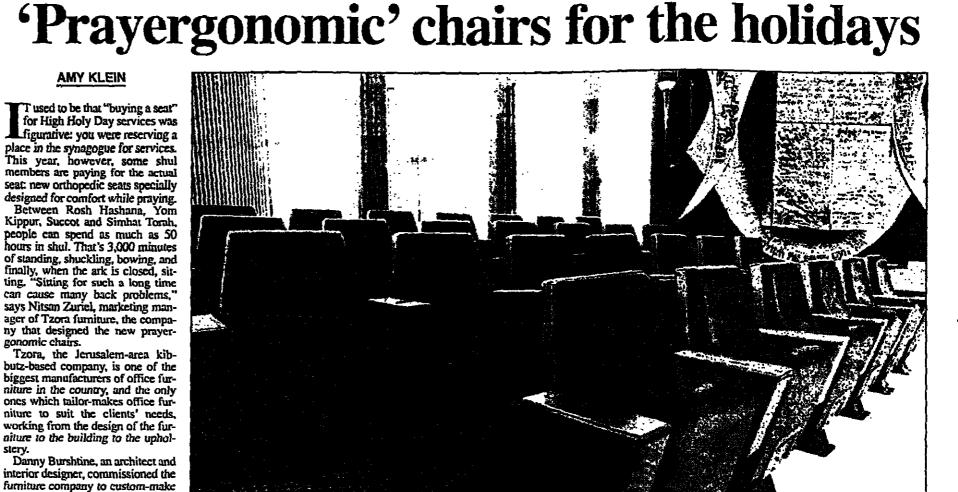
Black, relieved by white, and

occasionally by silver and other metallics, is also the strong color for both casual and formal wear.

Outside of the conference room, styles run the garnut from classic minimalism to minimal fabric. The more revealing outfits feature see-through bodices and sleeves on both blouses and dresses, and in more casual creations, focus on navel exposure in cropped tops and skin tight drop-waisted pants.

Skirt lengths also take a hike, often to the extent of indecency (if there is still such a thing).

For the classically inclined, ensemble dressing has resurfaced with tie-front, trench and clutch coats paired with slim-fitting, high-necked sleeveless dresses. These totally understated dresses are an absolute must for the fall/winter wardrobe. They are flattering to almost everyone, look great with or without jewelry and serve as an important base for endless variety as they can easily be paired with shawls, capes, cardigans, jackets and coats. Orthodox women will probably wear them over ribbed turtleneck sweaters.



designing in Herzliya Pituah. He wanted something different: seats that would be comfortable yet suit Tzora's orthopedic chairs have plush cushioning for the seat and the back while the back of the chair is made of mahogany. (Hannels Grizzleky)

theater seats, the back of the chair is made of mahogany. "The wood was for the beauty a synagogue deserves," says Burshtine, "and so that the people in the rows behind wouldn't scuff the upholstery of the

seat in front of them." They got down to the nuts and bolts of what people need in synagogue. For example, people who get annoyed at the protruding piece of wood - used as a siddur stand on the chairs of the preceding row will be pleased with the new chairs where the siddur stand is embedded in the back, like airplane-seat trays for food. Other special features include the hollow armrests to hold siddurim, talitot, and goodies like candy bags with which to entertain the restless kids.

A lot more factors go into designing a synagogue than one might think (if one thinks about it at all). Chaim Klein, the head of the carpentry at Kibbutz Lavi which makes traditional shul furniture for over 1,700 shuls around the world from Australia to Andorra, says that first and foremost, shul furniture must be functional: "People have to get up and sit down, go through the rows to go up to the ark, but be Holy Days. close enough to the row in front so

dur," he explained. The Tzora seats take these details into account - with an emphasis on comfort. But comfort comes at a price: NIS 1,000 per chair. Heichal Mordechai ordered 300 new chairs for the new shul. Most of the money was raised through donations, but they hope to recoup some of the money in membership dues and, in

that they can read from their sid-

the one of the biggest money-makers of the year: seat for the High

At Heichal Mordechai the seats go for NIS 300 apiece. Apparently, the synagogue members think they're worth the price, because since its opening a few weeks ago, board member Eli Koobah says, "Every Shabbat more people come to synagogue that we haven't seen

They say: "Two Jews, three shuls." Let's just hope they all have

Canadian vodka that's at the tip of an iceberg

XPORTING Canadian vodka to Russia? Sure enough, one shipment has been sent, and Ron Stamp hopes it's only the tip of the iceberg. Literally.

Stamp is managing director of Canadian Iceberg Vodka, formed last year to produce vodka made with water from the icebergs that float past Newfoundland's coast each spring and summer. .

... The water, melted aboard an icebergcatching tanker, is probably the purest in the world and just about the oldest, according to Stamp. He says the bergs are at least 12,000 years old.

Production began last October at a plant run by Newfoundland's liquor authority, with alcohol and water supplied by Stamp's company. He projects an output of 30,000 twelve-bottle cases for the first year of operThe alcohol comes from com grown in

Ontario, but the water is produced aboard a 67-meter tanker equipped with a crane-like device on the front that can bite into an ice-

The berg is hoisted over the forward deck and dropped into a crushing machine. The crushed ice is then shifted into a melting tank; about 1 million liters of water can be stored on board.

Stamp, 42, who used to work in Newfoundland's most famous industry - the fish business - first thought about exploiting icebergs after reading about a never-realized proposal to tow huge icebergs to Saudi Arabia to be melted into water. "Unless God is your cousin, you aren't getting an iceberg to Saudi Arabia no matter what," Stamp

said. "So I thought, 'Why not break them up and melt them here?"

Stamp initially wanted to produce bottled drinking water from the bergs, but that project required more capital. So he started with the vodka production, because manufacturing facilities were provided by the provincial liquor corporation.

Canadian Iceberg Vodka already has made its first splash in Russia, exporting 15,000 bottles to the Black Sea city of Odessa. Stamp finds it ironic that this export to the heartland of vodka occurs at a time when Newfoundland fish plants, crippled by the collapse of local cod stocks, have been forced to import Russian codfish.

Stamp isn't sure yet how big the Russian demand for iceberg vodka will be, but he is hopeful. "For some of the moneyed people there, it's a bit of a status symbol to have Western goods," he said.
In Canada, the new vodka is being sold at

roughly the same price as Smirnoff and Absolut, even though Stamp says it costs

somewhat more to produce. In September, a separately organized company will begin producing iceberg water. Stamp is vice president for sales of that firm. He hopes the drinking water will catch fire among consumers concerned about product purity.

Spinoff products are likely, he said: iceberg beer and iceberg iced tea. And even just plain ice cubes - two shipments of cubes already have been sent to Japan and South Korea, aimed in part at drinkers of premium Scotch who don't want to dilute their drinks with run-of-the-mill ice. (AP)

Horseradish heaven

THE eve of Rosh Hashana was once a time of tears for women like Morris Gold's mother and grandmother. Rosh Hashana meant gefilte fish, and gefilte fish meant horseradish - the powerful condiment that stings the eyes and clears the sinuses.

Gold, 77, recalls his grandmother "sitting on a milk crate by the window of our Brooklyn apartment peeling "beets" and his mother nearby cutting up horseradish. Both of them

would be crying.
Housewives (and husbands) at the turn of the 21st century need not cry over horseradish anymore - mostly because of the Gold family, by far America's largest purveyors of bottled horseradish. "We'll do the crying for you," proclaims Morris Gold.

Gold's began in 1932 with Morris's father Hyman, an immigrant from Poland. After a cousin who grated vegetables in front of a storefront in the borough of Brooklyn became embroiled in a dispute with his landlord and was tossed into jail, Hyman bailed him out and wound up with the discarded grinder. He took it home to wife Tillie and, from their apart-ment, they decided to grind horseradish and

Possell it on the streets of Brooklyn. "My father went out in the neighborhood and would take orders for three jars here and four jars there and we kids would deliver them by bicycle." recalls Morris, who built the business to what it is today with brothers Manny and

hild a head stall Herb. One time I gave away an extra bottle after selling a case [24 bottles] and my father yelled at me because that was the profit, that 25th jar. After all, this was in the middle of the Great

Spesi Depression." Later came the special jars, modern machin-ery and a main moducion which functioned from 1956 to 1994.

Now, Gold's has accounts in virtually every US state (Hawaii, yes; Alaska, no). He also sends horseradish to Israel, England, Australia, Brazil, South Africa and Russia.

Now reaching into a fifth generation of Gold's, the privately held firm estimates its share of the US market at about 70 percent. with annual sales between \$5m and \$20m.

"Fresh, fresh, fresh, my father has always preached to me," Morris's son Marc ays over the din of machinery in the comjany's Long Island plant, where 34,000 cilograms of horseradish roots are ground and bottled each day. "That's the key to our ;uccess."

A combination of the grated horseradish root with vinegar and salt (with beets for the lesstrong, red version) is all there is to the mixture hat has been called everything from magic ixir to aphrodisiac.

"People are uneducated about horseradish," xplains Marc, 48, who runs the business with prother Steve and cousins Neil and Howard, all



Marc Gold, co-owner of Gold's, the leading US horseradish maker, holds a bunch of horseradish roots, the source of his firm's main product at its Hempstead plant.

working summers at the plant for the last couple of years. "Since you can enjoy it on virtually any type of food, the uses for it are unlim-

Though mostly known for use around Rosh Hashana and Pessah, horseradish also has strong sales for Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving. "Horseradish is by no means just a Jewish item," adds Marc, a true horse-

radish evangelist. Named for "galloping roots" which grew in

of whom have had their teenage daughters the wilds of Eastern Europe, horseradish comes mostly from the Midwest and Eastern Canada. The gnarled roots are shipped to Gold's in burlap sacks or 585-kilogram wrapped pallets and are kept in a storage room at I degree

> The horseradish is shredded, mixed with salt and vinegar and then crammed into Gold's patented six-sided glass jars at a rate of 180 jars per minute. It takes about 2 minutes for an empty 168-gram jar to be filled, capped,
> (AP) labeled, sealed and boxed.

Ramat Hasharon couple encounters an 'electrifying' saga

OR over 30 years, Mr. and Mrs. R. have been living at the same Ramat Hasharon the same Ramat Hasharon address. They have always paid their electricity bills on time. Their last November/December bill for NIS 139.31, was no exception. Imagine their horror, then, upon receiving a corrected bill for the above for NIS 3,236.10!

Mr. R. promptly took himself over to the Ra'anana office of the Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) listed at the head of the bill. There. he was informed that his meter had not been read for three years. During this time, he was told, his electricity consumption had been higher than what he'd been pay-

"Perhaps the meter is defective," suggested Mr. R. But he was assured that the meter - installed in 1961 by the Palestine Electric Corp. - was in tip-top shape. Nevertheless, he insisted upon having the equipment examined. When two IEC technicians final-

ly arrived at his home (after severpersistent phone calls from Mr. R.), they diagnosed the meter as "accurate." Mr. R. then returned to Ra'anana to work out a lenient payment arrangement for the huge sum. There, he was told that he could pay in three installments: the first immediately, and the second and third post-dated a month and two months hence. Upon remming home, Mr. R. mailed the

When his next bill arrived, Mr. R. discovered a NIS 40 charge for his post-dated check. "My overdraft cost," he subsequently wrote to the IEC Ombudsman, "would have been less."

On May 27, Mr. R. received a hand-written notice from the IEC confirming that his meter was in fact defective, due to lightning. Enclosed was an additional bill for NIS 2,477.02, and a warning that his electricity would be shut off if he failed to pay this sum by May 28 - the following day.

On May 28, Mr. R. tried several times, unsuccessfully, to reach Mr. Cohen (the name on the handwritten notice) at the IEC accounts department in Ra'anana. On May 29, election day, the company was closed. On May 30, Mr. R. drove

CAVEAT EMPTOR! **RUTHIE BLUM**

to Ra'anana to confront Mr. Cohen. But Mr. Cohen was on reserve duty for the day.

The frustrated Mr. R. finally wrote a detailed letter of complaint to the IEC, demanding exemption from the last charge. After all, if it weren't for his insistence on having the meter checked, the corporation would have gone on losing revenue. Furthermore, he feels that it was negligence on the part of the IEC not to have read his meter for three

The IEC responded to Mr. R. as follows: Due to the indoor location

of your meter, attempts at reading your consumption were unsuccessful for a long period of

2. In December 1995 ... a regular reading was performed ... according to which a new calculation was made for your actual consumption [as opposed to that for which you were charged on the basis of previous estimates]. The bill you received for NIS 3,236.10 constituted the sum you owed us in the difference. By the way, every electricity bill ... lists "type of reading" to enable the customer to know whether the meter was actually read or whether an estimate was made ... the customer can thus compare the estimate on his bill to the reading on his meter. If there are major discrepancies [between the two], the customer can inform the [electric] company

accordingly.
3. ...the regional IEC office in Ra'anana has a toll-free 'telemeser" number for phoning in meter-readings 24 hours a day: 177-022-3820 ... to be performed every even-numbered month.

between the 10th and 15th of the

month. 4. ...lightning caused one of the phases in your home to burnout, resulting in your having been charged for only 2/3 of your actual consumption... (In spite of the fact that the new meter installed indicates a higher consumption rate], the IEC office in your area has decided to exempt you from payment of the difference for the period during which the original meter did not register full con-

5. ...the NIS 40 charge for postdated payments constitutes inter-

Mr. R.'s "electrifying" saga should serve as a lesson. Compare your estimates to your actual consumption. Otherwise, you may end up getting stuck having to come up with a wad of cash to cover back payments over long periods of time. Phone the regional IEC headquarters in your region for details of how to offer your

Important notice: there is no truth to the rumor which has been circulating about having to pay double or triple for a phonecall dialed without the extra digit!

You are invited to offer personal stories about goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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The unequal burden

N epidemic that has plagued Israel in public attitudes toward military service. recent years but which received little or Ano attention has now come out into the open. Suddenly, even the IDF general staff is willing to admit what has for a long time been increasingly obvious to just about everyone in the country: motivation to serve in the reserves has dropped.

Evading reserve duty and, in some cases even compulsory military service, is now regarded in many circles as respectable. As a result, it may soon be a struggle to gather enough reservists to field the minimal amount of soldiers needed for some units. The danger this potentially poses for a country living in the same neighborhood as Iraq and Syria goes without saying.

The statistics on the issue, some of them only recently made public, confirm what many sensed about the attitude toward reserve duty. A poll conducted by the IDF's behavioral science branch reveals that 50 percent of Israeli men would not show up for reserve duty if they were not forced to do so.

Tens of thousands of reservists are putting this into practice by finding ways to evade service, some by finding numerous excuses to keep them away each year and others by persuading the military to lower their medical profiles so they are permanently removed from the reserve force. There are apparently 15 percent more men leaving the reserves each year than entering it. Of those remaining in the potential reserve pool, only some 16.5 percent carry most of the burden of active reserve duty.

The forum of reserve brigade and battalion commanders established on Tuesday to combat the drop in motivation is a welcome addition to the other public figures who are devoting time and effort to deal with this problem. The IDF's recent decision to establish a desk, headed by a major-general, to attempt to turn back the trend among young soldiers is a similarly positive step. The willingness to recognize a problem is always a first step to correcting it. But it is not clear how effective these bodies can be in isolation.

The reasons for large-scale shifts in public values and attitudes are extremely complex and probably never fully understood. Some of the causes that have been suggested include the fact that Israel hasn't been faced with an existential threat since the Yom Kippur War. An entire generation of men in their twenties and thirties has been raised with the idea of the army being no more than an unpleasant "intifada" police force. And the idea propagated in some circles that Middle East peace agreements will make accomplishment can be attained from sharing in

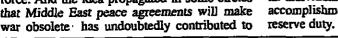
Others claim that the drop in motivation is a natural process in a society that is increasingly cultivating individualistic values and rejecting its socialist past. Another opinion, pointing to the increasingly strong sense of motivation and volunteerism exhibited in the army by soldiers from a national-religious background, blames the secular educational system for teaching "post-Zionism" in place of more traditional lessons. A virtual platoon of academic experts in a variety of disciplines could debate the issue, but it is unlikely they could propose any practical suggestions for reversing deep social trends.

However, even if the underlying causes prove difficult to deal with, some of the more immediate and obvious problems can and should be corrected. To begin, the IDF itself could start by cleaning up its own house.

It has been an open secret for at least a decade that an individual who truly wants to evade service, or serve in a non-combat role, can find ways of doing so, either by insisting that his profile be lowered or regularly proffering flimsy excuses for escaping his duties. The military, operating under the theory that a soldier lacking motivation but who is forced to serve is more trouble than he is worth, quirtly cooperated with such individuals. This has now come back to haunt the army as the increasingly unfair burden on those who do their reserve duty has fed resentment and lowered general motivation.

The high salaries paid to career officers, compared with the sacrifices asked of reservists, has also affected attitudes, as have the sheer inefficiencies and bureaucratic heaviness exhibited by the IDF. The number of new recruits entering the army has increased tremendously in recent years, yet structural changes taking advantage of these increases proceed at a glacial pace. Fair burden-sharing would go a long way to repairing the military's image.

For many years the army has been considered a disorganized, uncaring and unnecessarily unpleasant place to be, almost as a fact of nature. But it doesn't have to be that way. Army service will never be a frolic at a resort, but the citizens from whom so much is asked will appreciate being honestly told, "Gentlemen, we have difficult tasks to perform which may not always be pleasant, but we will make every effort to try to get them done as painlessly and fairly as possible." By adopting such an approach, the IDF might discover that even in an individualistic society, a sense of individual



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GENERAL AIR OF UNREALITY

Sir, - If Larry Derfner's interview with Professor Shlomo Ben-Ami ("Back to the vision thing," Money. August 28) is meant to he a serious exposition of the "neo-social-democratic" point of view, then the conservative and free-market school has very little to worry about. The interview is replete with contradiction. lack of understanding and plain

foolishness. Although the interview is basically polemical, some specific points are made that need to be addressed.

1. The capital gains tax. Ben-Ami favors a capital gains tax. At present some capital gains are taxed, some of them at full individual tax rates (up to 50 percent), and some are not. I assume that Ben-Ami wants to tax gains on the stock market, which are now tax-free for most individual investors, but not for companies and those who buy and sell shares in the way of business.

The value of a share at any given time reflects the past performance (past profits) of the company in question and the public's expectations of future performance (future profits). On both, income tax is paid in full. The share price reflects the value of the company after taxes are paid. Taxing the increase in value of shares when they are transferred from one investor to another is double taxation of the same basic

To see taxation of stock markets as the righting of some terrible social injustice is to misunderstand the sources of economic wealth. Economic wealth is created (and taxed) in the conduct of business and not in the transfer of ownership.

Sir. - Mr. Arafat's condemnation of Israel and the Netanyahu government and his statements about a "declaration of war" should actually come as no surprise, dangerous though his statements may be. It has less to do with Mr. Netanyahu's accession to the Prime Minister's Office than it does with Mr. Arafat's failure to deliver to his people what he promised - a better economy, a better way of life, and a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. He has failed miserably on all counts, from all reports, and he will

2. National Insurance Institute taxes. The programs of NII are finances partly by NII levies on wages, and partly by government contributions whose source is general tax revenues of the government.

For some decades now, proponents of reform have pointed out that the structure of NII levies is very seriously regressive. NII taxes are levied on wages only, and not on income from capital, such as rent. interest, dividends, etc. Furthermore, there is a ceiling, or upper limit, on the wage tax, so that high salaries, above the ceiling, are taxed at a lower percentage rate than low

One would expect that the neosocial-democratic position would vigorously favor abolishing regressive NII levies and support the financing of NII programs solely from the government's tax revenues. which are collected progressively. on all income, from labor and capital. But in fact, Ben-Ami is for abolishing the government's contribution, which for some reason he sees as a subsidy to employers. He pre-

fers wage taxes.

3. Grants for capital investment. An almost infinite number of studies and researchers have proven beyond reasonable doubt that the programs for encouragement of capital investment (since 1951) have contributed little to Israel's economic development, but have generated a good deal of economic distortion, waste of resources, especially capital, bu-

reaucracy and other ills. An interesting recent example is provided by Intel's new plant in Kiryat Gat. The government's (i.e.

ARAFAT'S FAILURE

continue to fail.

On the last point, whether the government of Israel is headed by Mr. Peres or Mr. Netanyahu, the Israeli people will never agree to give up Jerusalem. And this is the key to the errors of the former Rabin/Peres governments. By even agreeing to discuss Jerusalem, it allowed Arafat to continuously promise his people what even he had to know he couldn't deliver - and this meant the whole process was doomed from the outset. Had the Labor government refused to have Gan Yavne.

the taxpaver's) contribution to this project is \$600 million will buy us 1,500 new jobs, or \$400,000 per job. According to statistics of the Bank of Israel and the Productivity Institute, the average investment in the business sector in Israel is \$60-70,000 per job. If the same \$600 million were invested in Israeli industry generally, it would generate almost 10,000 jobs, rather than

The grants to capital investment are in fact a direct subsidy of capital and of investors, and might expect Ben-Ami to be strongly and unequivocally against them. Instead. he wants to continue these programs and even opposes a reduction of the grants from 34% to 20% of total

investment. The key to the contradiction between Prof. Ben-Ami's neo-socialdemocratic outlook and his position on specific economic points can be found in his criticism of the Labor Party. He says, quite correctly, that the Labor Party "had become elitistic, both culturally and economically. Labor's entire milieu came to be dominated in recent years by the business community and the affluent population." Unfortunately, in his stand on economic issues, Ben-

Ami is at one with the Labor Party. When he says, finally, that the state is not a bad thing (most people in the world think the state is at best a necessary evil) we recognize the Labor Party's traditional outlook -Big Business, Big Labor and Big Government. In short, the corporate

JACK MENES

Jerusalem available for discussion.

Arafat would not have been able to

make promises he couldn't possibly against Jews here in Israel, and possibly abroad as well.

have kept. It might have made it more difficult for him in the beginning, but it would have made a peaceful end more possible. And now, the only thing he feels is left to him is threats of violence, at least some of which will be carried out -

SUSAN CHASIN



Saddam's master plan

TOGETHER with his 30-yearold younger son Qusay Saddam Hussein has spent the last 18 months plotting to regain control of the Kurdish northem areas of Iraq and at the same time deal US President Bill Clinton a massive diplomatic defeat.

The third prong of his initiative was to warn of an attempt by his arch-foes, the mullahs of Teheran, to bring him to his knees by playing their "Kurdish card."

Saddam's secret weapon was to use that underestimated younger son of his. Since the Iraqi ruler distrusts his official heir, his firstborn Uday, he has concentrated all eight of his police and internal security services in Qusay's hands.

Quietly and with ruthless determination, Qusay unraveled the CIA plan to penetrate Iraq by planting a crack squad of US agents among the Kurds. He also revealed that members of the elite 40,000-strong Saddam Fedayeen Unit had been bribed by the CIA to assassinate his father.

Ruthlessly the Iraqi dictator arrested dozens of these plotters, tortured thein and massacred those who survived brutalities such as being forced to rape each other. Those no longer able to obey were slowly mutilated before dving.

The whole episode was a blow to Qusay's big prother Uday, who

was commander of the Fedaycen. The above information was revealed to this column in London by a French diplomatic source, who added: "The CIA should was up to from the bombing at Dhahran in Saudi Arabia a couple

of months ago. "Everyone immediately jumped to the conclusion that the Iranians were behind the terrorist attack on the American base. Our own information was that Saddam sent the explosive to his own agents [in Saudi Arabia] via his staging post in North Yemen.

There were smiles in Baghdad when all the accusing fingers pointed toward Teheran," said the diplomat. He was quoting French sources who deal with Saddam in Baghdad.

The behavior of the Saudi royal family, the diplomat went on to say, was a clear signal of what was going on in the background. "The Saudis refused to cooperate with the dozens of FBI specialists flown to investigate the bombing. They even gave the FBI deliberately misleading information about 'Iranian' conspiracies to attack all US forces in the Gulf region."

The reason for this was clear, we were told. The Saudis see Iran as their major threat in the Middle **URI DAN**

East. So they wanted the mullahs blamed

influence in Iraq.

swallows up the Kurds

mats have been making a discreet but determined effort during the past year both in the Middle East and Europe to undermine the allied coalition established in 1991 by the US to launch the massive onslaught against Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait.

THE BAIT dangled in Europe was the promise of vast deals with European industrialists once the reo against Bagh lifted.

"The most enthusiastic client proved to be the French," we were told by a British intelligence source in London. "The French are convinced that the Anglo-Saxons don't understand the Arab mentality. And the mouth-watering profits in store for them in Iraq have even caused them to agree to supply material and know-how to enable Saddam to achieve his dream of acquiring

Israel today has a weak leadership that wouldn't have the nerve to destroy another French-supplied atomic reactor, as it did 15 years ago." Tycoons and financiers from Paris have thus been very active in Baghdad for the past two years.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT

When man's best friend is built like this, you don't have to

(Aliza Auerbach)

worry about enemies.

DENNIS EISENBERG

They fear that the US plan is to kill Saddam Hussein. Then, when in the ensuing chaos the country splits up, Iran would get the opportunity to seize part of it - the area covering the major oil reserves. This is the reason the Iranians have been giving financial and weapons support to the PUK Kurdish faction there as a step in increasing its

At the same time Iraqi diplo-

The Iraqi dictator mocks Clinton for a loser as he slowly

atomic weapons."

"The French are convinced that

It didn't take very much pressure from Tehran to persuade the French to express vigorous opposition to President Clinton's move to punish Saddam Hussein. They even refused the US request that they join the broadened air patrols exclu-

sion area in the south of the country. The French also tried to per-

suade other European powers to attack the US decision to interfere with the "national sovereignty" of another country (the French way of describing the Clinton decision to send American missiles to

destroy some Iraq radar sites). To make absolutely sure the US would be neutralized, Saddam, via Ousay's security chiefs, employed Britain's "divide and rule" policy regarding the Kurds. He bribed Massoud Barazani, leader of the Kurdish KDP group, to be his ally in invading and conquering the entire Kurdish area of the country.

Two days ago the Saddam-equipped KDP army conquered the major town of Suleimaniyah, routing all Kurdish opposition, who fled for safety to Iran. To complete Saddam's triumph the entire CIA operation in the country was wiped out. US agents fled in helicopters. Their local operatives betrayed to Qusay months ago were arrested and slaughtered. Saddam's triumph was total.

The Kurds under Barazani will be given a certain amount of autonomy for a while," said the British security official. "But they have sealed their own fate. In a year there will be a total takeover by Saddam and the Kurds' dream of independence will vanish like a desert mirage. Iran's Kurdish ally, the PUK, has been wiped out."

A Kurdish source in London told us yesterday: "It's a disaster for the Kurds. Saddam will swallow our entire nation within a year."

"Saddam's greatest triumph," the Desert Storm alliance Clinton inherited from George Bush has collapsed ignominiously. Only Britain and Israel have stood by the US loyally.

"Clinton may claim that he has taught Saddam a lesson he will never forget. But the whole operation was a US failure and, above all, a humiliation for the CIA."

Added the British official wistfully: "If only the Israelis' effort to kill Saddam with a crack squad using advanced rocketry had been put into operation. We had reports that the trial run failed because of carelessness at their Tze'elim base three years ago.

"They might bitterly regret not putting the project into operation for Saddam Hussein is riding high now. His ambitions are clearly as maniacal as ever, particularly with the French once more backing him to the hilt."

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

POSTSCRIPTS

A GRUMPY old man left \$70,000 in his will to five store clerks who befriended him during his daily trips to their supermarket in Marietta, Georgia.

"He came in one time with one sock on, one sock off," recalled Jeannette Peeks, a clerk at the store where Dr. James Glenn Dudley, 85, met friends each morning for breakfast.

"He was sort of a mean old man, and I liked him for it," Pecks said. "Like, he told me I was too fat. He was kind of bossy, very particular about things."

Some time after Dudley died, a man arrived at the store and handed Peeks and three co-workers checks for \$10,000 each. Jesse Gray, who carried his groceries, inherited \$30,000.

TWO SWEDISH cats caused \$45,000 worth of damage after flooding their owner's house while locked up in the bathroom.

Crestfallen owner Roger Sjoberg said he had come home to find the house flooded and two frightened cats sitting on the shower taps.

"We normally lock them up in the bathroom to stop them wrecking the place while we're out," he said.

People

GWYNNE DYER

(ITIES are monsters and bad for your health. They are impersonal and alienating.

And the bigger they get, the

worse they are. That is what the Habitat II Conference on Human Settlements held recently in Istanbul implied.

But it's nonsense. The conference, sponsored by the United Nations, was based on a report produced by the UN Development and Environment Programs, the World Bank and the World Resources Institute.

At the beginning of this century. the report's authors point out, only five percent of the world's people lived in cities of over 100,000. ;

In a single century we have completely reversed that situation. Forty-five percent of the world's people now live in big cities. In Istanbul's heyday, it was one of only two cities on the planet that reached a million people. By 2015, the world will contain around 560 cities with more than a million people, and dozens

with over 10 million. The UN report is studded with panieky factoids that, on closer inspection, turn out to be no cause

for panic. For example, we are told that soon, 80 percent of the world's big-city dwellers will live in "Third World" countries. But if the rest of the world is going to follow a path of economic development anything like that once traveled by the West, what else would you expect? The "Third World" is where 80 percent of the

world's people live. Cities are where almost all innovation happens, because they, and only they, contain a critical mass of people with different experiences and differing perspectives. Their populations are generally better-educated and healthier than those of the rural areas around them, because it is easier to provide services to concentrated groups of people. So why are cities seen as the problem, not the solution?

One reason is that when cities grow fast, huge slums and even street-sleepers proliferate. It looks herrifying, and it feels hopeless.

But this is generally a transitional phenomenon: visit the areas that were squatter settlements 30 years ago in Istanbul, or Manila, or Rio, and you will find

Why the scare about cities? They're the best places to be

that most of the dwellings have been steadily upgraded until they provide decent shelter. In many older areas, the residents now have water, electricity, and even sewers - while raw new shantytowns go on springing up around them. This is how cities have always grown.

THE OTHER reason is a panic about sheer numbers. "Megacities" of 20-million-plus proliferating across what used to be the Third World sound rather frightening: Charles Dickens meets Blade Runner.

And this image persists even though the world's biggest city, Tokyo, at 24 million, is also its

most orderly.
Somehow, nobody believes that
Jakarta or Shanghai or Sao Paolo can achieve the same result when they reach a similar size, but why not? They are pretty orderly now. And hardly anybody understands that this is not rimaway, limitless growth. There is a ceiling.

In small countries, up to a third of the population may wind up in the national metropolis: Stockholm, Athens, Auckland. In compact middle-sized countries like Japan, France, South Africa or Britain, the biggest city may amount to 15 or 20 percent of the population, but rarely more. And in very large countries like the US, Russia, India and China, the biggest city never exceeds five-10 percent of the population.

In rapidly developing parts of the world, many new mega-cities are now growing rapidly toward that limit, just as London, New York, and Tokyo did during their own growth spurts. But then they will stop - and shortly afterwards, around 2040, global population growth will probably coast to a halt around the 10 billion

So many people and so much consumption may put intolerable stresses on the natural environment, but don't blame the cities. And don't worry too much about them either. They are, on the whole, the best-run parts of the planet.

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Bow out of the tango



into the family business, while I pursued a career as an artist, with very lit-

tle income from my profession. I receive a hesty income from a trust set up for me by my father. My problem is my brother. We've always had problems getting along, but now that he's handling my money, it's much worse. Every time I need cash, I am forced to ask him for it. This enables him to lecture me on how irresponsible I am. I admit that he never denies me what is rightfully mine, but the power he has over me has gone to his head. When I confronted him, he said I was welcome to handle my own money, and leave him out of it. The trouble is that ! have no head for investments, so l guess I'm stuck in this situation.

How can I get him to stop treating me like a child?

Sizzling Sister

Somewhere in the USA Dear S(izzling), The way to "get" him to stop treating you in a manner you do not accept, is to bow out of the tango which is entangling the two of you. In this case, there seem to be two "dances" in which you and your brother are partners: the old "sibling salsa," and the more recent "power polka" - the steps of which you learned when your little brother became your "big brother" financially speaking. As long as you allow his jabs at your alleged irresponsibility to drive you wild.

you will continue to be driven

wild, just as he will continue to

lecture. And as long as you lean

on his entrepreneurial expertise for your financial security, you will remain in an "inferior" position, where money is concerned. The choice to leave your income in your brother's hands can be based on prudence, if the "pros" of this option outweigh the "cons." But you may have to

learn to swallow the slights with

a bit more emotional distance.

Dear Ruthie,

When is it appropriate to introduce my nine-year-old daughter to a man I've been dating? I've been extremely careful only to see him when my daughter is with her father, but there comes a point at which this behavior is deceptive on my part. On the other hand, I wouldn't want her to grow attached to someone, and then have to go through another breakup. In Dilemma about Dating Tel Aviv area

Dear Dater-in-Dilemma,

The point at which introducing your daughter to your date becomes appropriate depends on the degree to which you discuss this side of your life with her. It is impossible to guarantee sparing her "another break-up." It is possible, however, to estimate your feelings for a particular man at a given time. The point at which such feelings seem to you to be "serious" constitutes the appropriate time for introductions, as long as you let your daughter ask you questions and voice any apprehensions she may have.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail:



Harvard Professor Daniel J. Goldhagen holding a copy of his book 'Hitler's Willing Executioners'

Prohibition for the designated driver

DANIEL J. CHALFEN

NHALE deeply and then blow fiercely into the "breathalyzer" - a balloon crudely measuring the alcoholic consumption of the participant. This is not, as you might expect, a police stop-check for drunken drivers, but an innovative campaign against drinking and drilaunched by the ving Organization for Road Safety and the Ministry of Transport.

From the evening through to the early hours of the morning, teams of volunteers, clad in the distinctive "Im shotim, lo nohagim. bishvil zeh, yesh haverim" (If you're drinking, don't drive. That's what friends are for) Tshirts, scour the streets for crowds of boozing revelers.

Working in Jerusalem, Tel

Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba, volunteers do not check the age of the drinkers, just the safety of the drivers. Approaching a crowd, they ask who the designated driver is, and if he or she has been

They hand the driver car stick-



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ers and information leaflets with facts about alcohol: "Alcohol can impair your vision"; "Alcohol slows down your reac-

They also inform people of the alcoholic contents of different beverages: beer has about 5%, wine has 10%, aperitifs 20% and

spirits 40%. The information also details the legal limits: it is forbidden to drive if the level of alcohol in the blood is over 50 mg of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood. And the penalties: the police can with-

spot; a court can withdraw the license for up to two years; six points can be incurred, as can a NIS 10,000 fine.

draw an offender's license on the

And, most innovatively, with this information is handed a badge entitling the recipient - the designated driver - to enter a prize draw, at a stall manned by volunteers in the town center. Mango portable telephones amongst the various prizes, and a T-shirt for everyone, seem to be a good incentive for keeping dri-

"Thousands of people have already participated," claims Tali, a volunteer in Jerusalem's Russian Compound, "As long as the participant is the driver and is within the legal alcohol limit, he or she can win a prize."

The driver can even be driving someone else's car, "If the boy drinks," says Itai, another volunteer, "his girlfriend can drive his car. This is a very good and safe

And a word of advice for those

'Most Germans didn't object'

ENNECKE Kardel, who fought in Hitler's army, just shook his head as he stepped out of a theater that stands where the city's Jews once were herded together and deported to

Kardel had just listened to histo-

"It's wrong to say that most Germans wanted Jews to be killed," said the 75-year-old Kardel, who added he is not antisemitic.

Goldhägen, Harvard University political scientist, spent three hours inside the Kammerspiele theater last Wednesday night defending his controversial - and in Germany, best-selling - book, Hitler's Willing Executioners. The debate with five German experts was Goldhagen's first face-to-face showdown with German critics who accuse him of oversimplify-

ing history. Goldhagen, the son of a Holocaust survivor, did not budge from the argument he lays out in his book: The Holocaust grew from an "eliminationist antisemitism" that pervaded Germany and did not exist in other countries. "I wrote the arguments in a forceful way, and I think I'm right." Goldhagen said.

In his book, Goldhagen tells of German civilian police battalious that rounded up helpless Jewish men, women and children and murdered them en masse.

Goldhagen claims the police officers were "ordinary Germans," and therefore indicative of an antisemitic blood lust existent in the whole of German society.

To many Germans, that's insulting. To some, it comes close to anti-German racism. Nonetheless, six million Jews to be murdered.

Goldhagen's book is No. 4 on the best-seller list of the news magazine Der Spiegel. Some bookstores quickly sold out when the German translation was released last month.

The Kammerspiele theater also

sold out its 400 seats. Goldhagen debated historians Reinhard Ruerup, Goetz Aly and Hannes Heer; Robert Leicht, editor in chief of the weekly newspaper Die Zeit; and Jan P. Reemtsma, founder of the Hamburg Institute for Social Research, which sponsored the debate.

The debate began on a polite note, but soon became biting. Ruerup, who teaches at Berlin's

Technical University, Goldhagen overlooked German Jews' social and professional achievements before World War I. The lives of German Jews were admired by Jews in other countries, he said, "Germany was a country which Jews wanted to move to," said Ruerup, to applause from the audience. Ruerup argued that even some who carried out murders of Jews were reluctant to involved, and accused

Goldhagen of ignoring facts that didn't fit his thesis.

Goldhagen retorted: "I reject the notion that I have selectively used material. This is not how I oper-

In the end, even Goldhagen won a round of applause. He praised rian Daniel J. Goldbagen defend. Germans are fascinated by Germans for overcoming antihis view that most Germans during. Goldbagen, probably because they semilism and joining the commuhistory time had no objection to still are trying to sort out how their mity of civilized nations. Few who nity of civilized nations. "Few who read Mein Kampf today would say 'das stimmt," Goldhagen said, using the German phrase for "That's right."

Ruth Schindler, a 67-year-old Czech Jew who barely escaped being gassed at Auschwitz, and her husband Franz, 68, an ethnic German from Prague, watched last Wednesday's debate. The two were high-school sweethearts before World War II. He was drafted into the German army in 1939; she was sent to Auschwitz. They met again after Ruth was liberated by the Soviet army from another Nazi camp in 1945.

Asked if she believed most Germans had murderous thoughts toward Jews at the time, Mrs. Schindler paused. "Germans watched as innocent people were deported," she said. "They said nothing. But I don't think that all thought that Jews should die."

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Deng's birthplace doesn't cash in

ning through the onestreet village of drab brick and mud buildings is Paifang's only sign of govern-ment largesse. "Deng Xiaoping and the leaders of the central government don't know how poor we people are," said Yang Zetian. He, his wife and 13-yearold daughter get by farming oneeighth of a hectare (a third of an acre) of corn, rice and vegeta-

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Paifang's neglect seems unnatural in China where connections are supreme. In the battle for official favors, Paifang should win hands down: It's the birthplace of Deng Xiaoping, the architect of China's successful economic reforms.

As Deng turned an enfeebled 92 in Beijing last month, his hometown 1,400 kilometers away remains a backwater in the isolated, over-cultivated hills of central Sichuan province. The surrounding area shows only faint stirrings of the economic vitality his reforms have brought to other parts of China. For the people of Paifang (pronounced pie-fahng'), frustration over their impoverishment is mixed with admiration for the village's favorite son. "It's not fair. This place hasn't changed in years. Only the road has changed," said Deng Yuanqing, who farms a plot half the size of Yang's.

Their plight is common in the village of 2,000 people. Its 400 families on average bring in about 1,000 yuan (\$120) a year each, well below the government-set poverty line. Farmer Deng, no relation to the senior leader, admits that life has improved under the 18-years of market-oriented reforms. Gone are the days when farmers were told what to plant and when. They can now sell vegetables from household plots in the region's administrative capital,



Deng Xiaoping rejected the cult of personality that surrounded Mao.

Guangan. And most families have sent their grown children to work there or in more prosperous provinces.

In Guangan, 10 kilometers (6 miles) away, legions of young men work, putting up white-tiled buildings for a new commercial and administrative center. "Deng Xiaoping didn't focus his talents on this place. He put all his efforts into developing other areas, like the South." said Liang Mingui. Forced into retirement three years ago by a debt-laden state-run factory in Guangan, he now fixes machinery in a private enterprise. "Because it's his old home. they're starting to pay attention to it," said Liang.

PRIDE in Deng's success is obvious in the small museum housed in the well-to-do landowner's home he was born in. Renovated

draws about 400 to 500 visitors a day, many from Sichuan. They take pictures in front of the white-washed mud stucco and wood-beam home and view the photos of Deng as a student in France, fighting the Japanese and Nationalists in China and climbing the ranks of the Communist Party. Outside, villagers sell pins, medallions and photographs of Deng - one of the few places such items can be found. "You can't say it's 'worship' but most common people are really grateful for what he's done," said Nie Er, a 28-year-old telephone line operator from Huayun, a small city 30 kilometers (20 miles) to

the south. Deng left Paifang for school in Chungking in 1918 and then went to France two years later and never came back to the village. His only surviving relative still living in the village is Dan Wenquan, son of Deng's moth-

Deng rejected the cult of personality his predecessor, Mao Tse-tung, encouraged. He supported setting up the museum as long as "his achievements were not exaggerated," said curator Chen Xiansong.

Since he emerged as paramount leader in 1978, Deng has preferred to exercise power from behind the scenes. He has remained China's most influential political figure despite having relinquished his last official title in 1990. As his health has declined, signs of political eclipse have grown more evident in the past year. Two famimembers - second son Deng Zhifang and niece Ding Peng have separately been tainted by accusations of corruption in firms they run or are associated with. Son-in-law He Ping has been under pressure to step down as bead of China's premier arms trader,

enforcement officials accused it of trying to smuggle AK-47s into the United States. Eldest son Deng Pufang sparked rumors that his father was on his deathbed in July. Pufang defended Deng's legacy from critics on the party's right and the left in a stinging speech to the Chinese Federation of the Disabled. After refusing to comment on the rumors for nearly a week, the Foreign Ministry stated Deng was well and called the rumors groundless.

Whatever Deng's political fortunes, villagers in Paifang would like him to visit and see how things have changed. They also bristle at the suggestion Deng should have turned Paifang into the lucrative combination tourist trap-revolutionary pilgrimage site Mao's hometown of Shaoshan,

Hunan province, has become, "That's a type of selfishness," said Yang Xiaoqiong, a 20-plus woman who works on her family's farm. "The world wouldn't work so well if everyone was so

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IMF blames Labor for Israel's economic slowdown

Shohat: no comment; Beilin: we made mistakes

THE previous Labor government's "departure from fiscal consolidation" and "expansionary fiscal policy" led to the present deterioration in the current-account deficit, a surge in consumer imports, and accelerating inflation, according to the International Monetary Fund statement issued at the end of its annual visit to Israel yesterday.

Former Labor Finance Minister MK Avraham Shohat said he would not comment on the report until he has had time to digest it, but on first sight, "all this is just the word of the Bank of Israel, copied by the IMF."

"I'm sure we made mistakes," said former economics and planning minister MK Yossi Beilin. "We could have cut more, but it was difficult to do this before the elections."

The IMF recommended the government continue its budget cuts program, reduce spending and implement its structural reform program, in a vote of support for the Bank of Israel-Finance Ministry's efforts to put the economy back on

THE capital market was an

unattractive venue for investors

in 5756, a year which suffered

from economic uncertainty, mainly due to the change in

government and fears the peace

Other factors which hindered

the market were the public's

fear that interest rates would remain high and the change in the asset fortfolio of the public.

who tended to transfer money

from provident and mutual

funds to saving schemes and

shekel deposits. The large with-

drawals hindered the markets

Bank Hapoalim yesterday published a list of the perfor-

mance of various investment

routes in 5756. The General

Share Index plunged 19.6%. the

Two-Sided Index of the most

heavily traded companies fell

16.8%, Maof shares fell 14.3%

206.9%, followed by

111.3%,

and the Karam plunged 26.5%. Standing out among the shares were Yozma (L.S. Enterprise),

Unidress Industries which

Miloumor which rose 106.1%.

Other good performers were

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process would not continue.

Prior to the publication of the report there was intense speculation in the Hebrew media that the IMF would severely criticize the state of the economy. Indeed, the report does express considerable concern about a variety of negative trends, but it sums up by saying the policies currently being put in place could well solve the difficulties.

The absorption of new immigrants is proving to be successful, writes the five-member IMF group, which was headed by the deputy director of its European section Michael Deppler. Israel now has full employment, even over-employ-ment given the number of foreign workers here. However, the potential of this new immigrant work-

force remains to be fully tapped.
Having outlined the problems in the economy, the IMF statement then notes the steps being taken to rectify the situation. "The new government is fully committed to relieving these strains through its policies of fiscal consolidation, dis-

Ham-Let, up 91.4%, and Clal

The loosers were led by Olitzki, which plunged 87.3%, followed by Yaana Data which lost 87% and La Nationale which suffered an 84% drop.

Other poor performers were

I.M. Eini which lost 83.4% Magma down 81.1% and Credit Lines which fell 80.6%. The 20

worst shares all fell more than

In the bond market the

General Bond Index rose 0.4%.

Index-linked bonds increased

linked bonds fell 2%. The rise

in CPI-linked bonds stands out

in light of the wave of with-

drawals from the provident

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part of the money withdrawn

was transferred to shekel

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DAVID HARRIS

says. If these are closely followed there is a "good" chance this will lead to "a more sustainable growth path with rising living standards, declining inflation, near-current levels of unemployment, a more competitive real exchange rate, and a viable balance of payments," states

the report. However, the IMF feels there is little room for maneuver, and the policies must be brought to bear in a coordinated and integrated fash-

ion."
The IMF recommends as essential the 2.8 percent of GDP overall deficit target for 1997 be achieved, or even exceeded if growth proves

stronger than expected. .
With regard to public spending the IMF urges restraint, particularly cuts in the number of government employees. The planned NIS 4.9 billion budget cuts for next year are only half the size of the expansion in the deficit caused by the 1994 supplementary budget, in relation to GNP.

ate benefits from this package, the government should accelerate the passage of the budget, and the budget law should set aside a percentage of planned current expenditures in a special reserve fund, only to be released mid-year if fiscal accounts

While the IMF praises the govern-ment's attempt to reduce spending. it is critical of the steps being taken to reduce the deficit. The targeted declines are not steep enough. according to the organization. Instead, it feels the government must set more ambitious yearly and

are still on track.

The IMF is urging the tight mone-tary policy be continued. However, once inflation begins to drop, interest and exchange rates could be lowered. "In the meantime, there is no alternative but to continue to sterilize capital inflows," the report

says.
Target inflation rates should be set at lower than 7% by 1998 and 4% by 2001, bringing Israel in line with

other industrialized countries. The independence of the central bank is key to the fulfillment of these aims, says the statement.
With regard to the government's

planned structural reforms, the IMF enthusiastically notes the liberalization of trade, competition policy and downsizing of banks' non-financial holdings. However, the IMF notes the lack of action in the area of privarization, and the need to further liberalize the external capital

During the 11-day exercise, the group met Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, senior figures in the public and private sectors, Histadrut officials and academics.

On its return to Washington the group will write a longer, more comprehensive report for consideration by IMF directors.

While the team's recommendations are in no way binding, Israel places much significance on the IMFs report, according to senior Bank of Israel officials.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The proportion of air passengers travelling to and from Israel on Ine proportion of air passengers traveling to and riving in compari-Israeli carriers dropped by four percent during August, in compari-son with the same month in 1995, with the market share of El Al and its charter subsidiary going down by 7%, while Arkia's slice grew by 37%. The Civil Availation Administration reported a total of 906,534 passengers in August, 1% more than August of last year. Scheduled foreign carriers had 9% more passengers and foreign charters increased their passenger load by 1%. Despite reports of a massive decrease in the number of Israelis going to Turkey, Turkish Airlines the leading foreign carrier during August although it had 6% was the leading foreign carrier during August, although it had 6% fewer passengers than last year. However, there were 25% fewer passengers than last year. sengers on the Turkish charter flights.

The Bank of Israel is putting together a proposal to limit the credit lines available through credit cards so that people cannot easily get themselves into debt beyond their ability to repay, Mordechai Fein, head of the central bank's department for bank-customer relations, told the Knesset Economics Committee yesterday. Ovadia Shraga'i, an advisor to the Industry and Trade Ministry, advocated passing legislation to allow credit card deals to be canceled immediately instead of only after 30 days. Knesset speaker Dan Tichon (Likud) asked for a legal opinion from the supervisor of monopolies as to whether Israel's two credit card companies constitute a cartel.

Giora Bitan quits Scitex: Executive vice president and chief financial officer of Scitex Corporation Ltd. Giora Bitan announced

his resignation yesterday.

Bitan, who has been with Scitex for 14 years, nine as CFO, is the secand senior employee to leave the firm in a month. Head of the graphic arts section Shimon Alon announced his departure at the end of August. "I want to thank Giora for the many important contributions he has

made during these long years of service," said CEO Yoav Chelouche. Bitan told reporters he is not leaving because Chelouche was appointed CEO ahead of himself, as media reports had suggested. As yet it is unclear when Bitan will leave, but he has promised to help the company ensure a smooth changeover to his as yet unnamed replacement. David Harris

Bank of Jerusalem takes a step nearer commercial status

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Bank of Jerusalem has received a permit from the Bank of Israel to give dollar mortgages. This is the first step in the bank's effort to diversify and become a commercial bank which will offer private banking services.

The bank said it has received a limited authorized dealer service which will enable it to offer dollar mortgages, similar to those currently offered by the commercial banks.

mortgages at competitive rates. The permit is in line with the bank's plans to offer private banking for foreign residents. In the framework of this plan, the bank recently announced its intentions to purchase Unitrust from the Zalman Shuvai group. Unitrust is the brokerage unit of the Shuval Group. The purchase is expected to be completed shortly, subject to the approval of the minority sharehold-

The bank intends to offer 10-year Clal considers reducing

interest in Urdan **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

CLAL Israel is considering whether to reduce its holdings in Urdan Industries or participate in the metal processing plants rights issue. Clal Israel president and CEO David Wainshal said this week.

Earlier this week Urdan Industries, controlling shareholders the Dovrat-Shrem group, announced its intention to increase the company's registered capital for trading by NIS 100 million. The increase will enable Urdan to issue a rights issue prospectus, which will dilute the companies shares, and enable it to raise an immediate NIS 60m.

The rights issue is subject to the approval of the company's shareholders. Clal Israel, which holds 20 percent of Urdan's shares said it is still deciding whether to participate in the rights issue, a move which is not in line with the group's business strategy.

Last year, Clai sold half of its shares in Urdan to the Dovrat-Shrem consortium. In addition Dovrat-Shrem has an option to purchase half of Clai's remaining holdings in Urdan, equivalent to 10% of the company's stock. The rights issue is intended primarily to help Dovrat Shrem finance their investment in the Investment Company of Bank Hapoalim. At the end of

August, Urdan acquired controlling interest in the investment company. The bank purchased 24% of the company's stock for NIS 197.8m., at a company value of about \$277m.

Processed food sales up 12%

PROCESSED food sales for the Rosh Hashana holiday are expected to be up 12 percent compared with last year, the Manufacturers

Association announced yesterday. Eli Maron, chairman of the association's food marketing committee, estimated sales to reach \$830 million this year. He said the massive sales started Saturday night

the eve of the festival.

Commenting on the various sectors. Maron said honey sector sales are expected to increase 15%, the confectionery and chocolate field up 12% - 15%, the wine and alcoholic drink field a 12% growth and soft drinks 12-15% growth. The processed meat sector is forecasted to increase 10-

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Halla requests involvement in Popeye program

THE Korea-based Halla Group has expressed interest in participating in future developments in Israel's Popeye missile program, according to a senior official

at Rafael, the Armaments Development Authority. Twelve senior Halla executives, including group chairman Chung In Yung (the younger brother of Hyundai Group chairman Park Se Yung), visited Rafael during a three-day fact-finding tour of Israel.

Rafael and Lockheed Martin set up a joint venture to market the air-to-surface Popeye missile and the nearly identical, US-made AGM-142 missile, last month. The home-grown, highly-accurate Popeye missile's development is based on Israel Air Force combat experience, and has been operational since the late

While at the Rafael site in Haifa, the Halla team also saw civilian operations, and work on satellite programs. "They are a long way off from signing any-

thing," said the Rafael official. "We already have an

office in Korea and are in ongoing negotiations with other companies such as Daewoo and Samsung.'

The delegation also met senior management at Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd., and at Nesher-Israel Cement Enterprises Ltd. During a visit to the Technion, talks were held on satellite development. Three Halla executives have remained in Israel after

their colleagues left yesterday. Those remaining are investigating the possibilities of joint-ventures in the space aviation field, particularly satellite technology. Israel launched its first communications satellite, Halla, Korea's 15th largest corporate group includes

cement and shipbuilding companies and hopes to enter the communications field by 2000. The group flew on to Turkey yesterday, to be fol-

lowed by visits to Qatar, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Prior to arriving in Israel, the delegation met officials and businesspeople in China.

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US companies display security devices in TA

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SOME 12 American companies are displaying antiterror and other security equipment at the 10th Security Exhibition, which opened on Tuesday and closes today at the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds.

The companies, brought here by the Usimco marketing company under the auspices of the Israeli and US governments, aim to market their products largely to government, military and law enforcement agencies as part of the promised assistance by US President Bill Clinton in the fight to combat terror. "Fighting terror together," is the US stand's logo.

The Barringer company's Ionscan explosives and narcotics detector, in use around the world, is on display, lonscan was used recently to help the FBI discover explosive components in the TWA blast. It also can detect plastics explosives. According to the company, it can detect the tiniest components of both explosive and nar-

couc substances. Nabko is demonstrating a large container to be used in controlled detonations of explosives. According to the company, fourand-a-half kilograms of explosives can be detonated inside the container, which has already been in experimental use here. It is designed for sale to police and IDF authorities only, and may be used on-site for bomb disposal or transported to detonation facilities.

Northrop Grumman's "hazardous duty" mobile robots are also designed for dealing with bombs and explosives. They are already used here. A deterrent or identification sys-

tem for suicide bombers on buses has been developed by Prima Facie, which manufactures a digital "black box" video recording system aimed for use - together with CCTV cameras - on buses. The first phase of the system may be used only after a bomb is exploded to analyze the situation and to identify the bomber. Company managers say that the second phase of the system, in which a control room will be set up elsewhere supervised

on-line on computers, is still being

developed. A non-icthal weapon, which may be purchased in the US without license, is being demonstrated by Air Taser. The small device utilizes compressed air to shoot two small electric probes at assailants. It may be "fired" from a distance of three meters and will paralyze assailants or other criminals for a period lasting from one to 15 minutes. Since it only temporarily jams the nervous system, it leaves no aftereffects or damage. The "ammunition" bears identification tags, which may be traced to the owner to prevent mis-

A massive range of audiovisual surveillance devices, under stringent control and only on sale to government and intelligence agencies, are on display at the Westinghouse company's stand. Special training is given to those wishing to purchase the devices, which include highly sophisticated. covert surveillance and anti-surveillance equipment and electronic tracking systems, ranging from tiny body-worn devices to large undercover vans containing complete audiovisual units.

and are expected to continue until Galit Lipkis Beck ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9,96) Currency (deposit for:) U.S. dollar (\$250,000) Pound sterling (\$100,000) German mark (DM 200,000) 3 MONTHS 6 MONTHS 12 MONTHS lss franc (SF 200,000) Yen (10 million yen) (Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit) Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (11.9.96) CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Rep. Rates 3.5463 3.1680 2.0971 4.9253 0.6139 2.8761 1.8710 **BANKNOTES** Sell 3.5692 3.1904 2.1081 4.9575 0.8175 Seli Currency basket U.S. doffer German mark Pound sterling French france 3.24 2.14 5.03 0.63 2.94 1.91 2.62 0.48 0.56 0.71 2.36 2.59 0.72 1.04 3.04 2.13 4.66 0.97 3.08 2.03 4.79 0.59 2.79 1.81 2.49 0.47 0.52 0.67 2.24 2.46 0.63 3.1397 2.0748 4.8788 0.6076 2.8466 1.8507 2.5360 Japanese yen (100) Dutch florin Swise stanc Swedish krone Norweglan krone Danish krone Finnish mark Canadian deller 2.8926 1.8806 2.5777 0.4727 0.4913 0.5465 0.6962 2.3258 1.8710 2.5653 0.4709 0.4885 0.5438 0.6926 2.3101 2.5339 0.7069 1,0173 2.9798 2.07981 0.4651 0.4835 0.6378 0.6851 2.2888 2.5115 0.7002 1.0063 2.9471 2.0589 4.3700 Canadian dollar Lugualian dollar 2.5521 0.7115 1.0226 Australian Johan S. African rand Belgian franc (10) Austrian schilling (10) Italian lira (1000) Jordanian dinar Egyptian pound ECU 3.9947 2.0922 4.6600 0.9700 4.4827 0.9821 3.9687 5.0941 3.9288 5.0477 3.9922 4.96 2.41 Irish punt 5.1292 2.4979

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US economy growing but wages rising. Fed says

WASHINGTON (Reuler) - The economy kept expanding moderately in August with no clear sign of inflation, the Federal Reserve said yesterday, though wages appeared to be climbing faster than

The red s rates. Desprise summary of national economic summary of national economic summary of national economics. that central bank policy-makers may boost interest rates this month to quash inflation risks.

Despite its cautioning about rising wages and labor shortages, the Fed summary did not clearly warn of mounting inflation and financial markets rallied after its noon release.

"Inflation indicators ... were varied and generally inconclusive, although there appears to be greater upward pressure on wages than on prices," concluded the Beige Book summary, prepared by the Cleveland Fed.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 22 points at 5,749 in afternoon trading while the bond market recovered from earlier weakness and the yield on the 30year bond was steady at 7.11 per-Jerusalen cent, the same as Tuesday's close.

The findings were based on instep neare formation collected in interviews with businesses before September 4 in the 12 Fed districts. They rcial statu will be used when the central bank's Federal Open Market Committee meets on September 24 to decide interest-rate

strategy. The Beige Book surveys are released at about six-week intervals, with the last one published on August 7. The latest survey suggested the economy was hold-- ing its momentum entering the second half, rather than slowing as the Fed and many private ... economists had forecast.

"Business activity in most Disicts is reported to be generally good and expanding moderate-" the Fed said.

The Minneapolis Fed mentioned a local telephone company that was forced to issue cellular phones to new homeowners because it could not lay cable quickly enough to service them.

Few businesses in any Fed districts saw big price increases since the last survey was concluded on July 30, but none indicated that inflation pressures were subsiding. Some industrial commodities like lumber and steel were rising in price, but it was generally confined to a few markets.

"Wage gains have tended to outstrip price increases, however," the Fed said. The upward pressure on wages seemed most intense in the Richmond and San Francisco Fed districts, but many regions reported wage increases for entry-level jobs.

Many regions saw "pockets" of labor market tightness, with a few saying the scarcity of workers was broadly based. The Chicago Fed said labor markets there were "tighter than the nation as a whole," yet there was no sign of rising wage demands.

The Fed said manufacturing activity was "either expanding or holding steady at a high level" across the country. Few constraints were seen on industrial capacity, and companies in the Boston and Atlanta regions were adding to capacity.

"Building activity remains strong in most parts of the country," the Fed said. "Agriculture conditions vary widely by District, but most regions report better crop conditions today than earlier in the summer."

Back-to-school shopping was "off to a good start," the Fed reported. "Several districts indicated that sales are meeting - or exceeding - expectations," it

The bear was reduced to the real of the second Inventories of unsold goods at the retail level were in line with sales, although some retail stores in the Boston region were cautiously building stocks.

Auto sales were described as "flat or declining slightly" in most parts of the country, but that was partly because dealer inventories of popular models were

lean. "Loan demand appears to be holding steady at a generally high level," the Fed said. The Fed districts reported some deterioration in the credit quality of banks' consumer loans and higher delinquency rates .

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Virgin head Branson warns against British Airways/American deal

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Colorful British entrepreneur Richard Branson, campaigning against a proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines, yesterday predicted the deal would fail to get government approval because it would stifle

competition. Branson, founder and CEO of British no-frills carrier Virgin Atlantic Airways, suggested that allowing British Airways and American to join forces would be as absurd as allowing Coke and Pepsi to merge, and would lead to

higher air fares. We believe we can stop it. In the end, we don't believe the governments - the Clinton administration or the British government - would allow such a merger to take place," Branson said in an

On a press junket aimed at killing the alliance, Branson said the British unions fall out over minimum wage demand

BLACKPOOL, England (Reu-

ter) - Britain's trade unions

backed a demand for a minimum

wage of 4.26 pounds (\$6.63) an

hour yesterday but some union

leaders said this would under-

mine the chances of the opposi-

alliance would hurt Virgin Atlantic's expansion and profits. "But until we know what form it comes out in - if it comes out at all - it's difficult to be more precise," he

Branson said he was comfortable with estimates for Virgin Atlantic's profits for the year ending August 1997, of about £65 million to £70m. (\$101m. to 109m.) on revenues of £900m. (\$1.4 billion)

"The effects of any alliance would not take place for another 12 months or so, so it would not affect those numbers," Branson

Even if the carriers agreed to concessions, such as reducing their hold on the majority of slots at London's Heathrow Airport, Branson said the power of the two airlines would be lethal to the travel industry.

"The power that they will have over the travel trade, the power

The unions, at the annual con-

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over corporate entities and over America," Branson said. "And frequent flier programs would be such that ... they'd still be a real threat to other airlines and dictate prices for the consumer,' Branson said.

For consumers to see any real benefits in selection and fares, Branson said regulators must pursue broader "open skies" aviation treaties.

The current aviation talks between the United States and Britain are merely a piecemeal attempt to liberate aviation pacts,

Branson said. Instead of negotiating aviation agreements one country at time, he suggested that barriers should be removed throughout the United States and Europe.

Open skies must mean open skies. It must mean that Southwest Airlines should be able to fly anywhere in Europe, fly across the Atlantic and fly anywhere in

demanded patience until after the

His demand for 4.26 pounds an

hour was supported by miners'

leader Arthur Scargill, who set

up his Socialist Labour Party in

May after quitting Labour in dis-

open skies would mean that Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Express could do the same."

"The benefit of that to the consumer would be enormous," he said. "In any other business - car manufacturing, soft drinks, the record industry - there are no boundaries. Why should the airline business be any different?"

Branson said the open skies pact previously reached between the United States and Germany was biased toward American

In Brussels; the European Commission said it would look into any complaint from Branson that Scandinavian Airlines Systems was undercutting prices on the Brussels-Copenhagen route, which Virgin Atlantic launched last Friday at up to 75 percent below competitors' fares.

"I'm fed up to my back teeth

with people telling us not to rock

the boat ahead of the election,

Scargill said. "I'm fed up with

Labour leaders telling us not to

rock the boat, then intervening in

TASE drops as investors wait for CPI figures

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



Two-Sided index

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SHARES dropped as investors awaited the consumer price index figure for August and assessed an International Monetary Fund report calling on the government to cut the budget.

The market was led lower by companies like chemicals producers Makhteshim and Agan, down 4.5 percent and 6.5% respectively, Cial Electronics, down 2.75%, and Discount Investments, which shed 4.5%.

Investors had expected the government to report yesterday that the trade deficit widened 20% in August from July, and the IMF assessment as well, said Moshe Jonas, who runs the Jerusalem office of the securities firm Moritz and Tuchler.

They are looking to the CPI report on Sunday for indications rose.

about interest rates, the broker

"The central bank in the best cases will lower rates 0.2 or 0.3 percentage point to show its good intentions," he said.

"In the worst case," Central Bank Governor Jacob Frenkel "will leave rates where they are, even if the CPI" exceeds expectations of a rise of about 0.6%.

The Two-Sided Index dropped 1.69% to 186.77, while the Maof Index lost 1.67% to 195.78. Across the Tel Aviv Stock

Exchange, NIS 63 million of shares traded, 13% less than the month's daily average of 72.2m. and just about last month's average of 63.3m. More than two issues fell for every one that

World markets dip

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - British shares dipped from near record levels reached earlier in the week as inflation jitters unsettled Wall Street and selected London stocks succumbed to profit-taking after recent strong gains. The FTSE 100 closed down 10.5 points at 3,905.6, after closing 2.7 points short of a new peak on

FRANKFURT - German eqnities ended a nervous bourse session slightly lower, underpinned by stronger dollar boosting exporters and firmer Bunds. Sentiment was nervous after the Dow Jones index fell overnight, prompted by the Fed governor's US inflation warning. The 30share DAX index ended at 2,566.80, down 4.15 points. In post-bourse trade the index fell 0.07 to 2.568.70.

PARIS - French stocks finished marginally weaker, barely above the day lows, after five days of rises. Carmaker Renault suffered the biggest loss after predicting it could end the year in the red. The blue-chip CAC-40 index closed down 4.06 points at 2,038.06.

ZURICH - Swiss shares turned tail in the second half of the session to end weaker but above the day's lows due to a lack of buying interest. The all-share Swiss Performance Index (SPI) shed 10.46 points to 2,356.47

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks rebounded by the close after trading lower for most of the day,

with the market capped by profittaking. Most participants were reluctant to move actively before the Nikkei's September futures and options are settled on Friday. The key 225-share Nikkei average was up 11.45 points to end at 20,571.04.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks ended with small gains, after investors spent a cautious session searching for direction and awaiting fiscal 1996 earnings from the Henderson group due later. The Hang Seng index closed with a 12.74 point gain at 11,236.36.

SYDNEY - Australian shares closed weaker, the market weighed down by solid selling of major mining issues BHP, CRA and MIM as resource sentiment sagged on negative comments about the outlook for steel and ing director John Prescott. The All Ordinaries index finished 9.6 points lower at 2,246.3.

JOHANNESBURG - South African stocks took a tumble as a morning slump in the industrials sector, spurred by futures trade, dragged the all-share index down. In a reversal of Tuesday's trade, the index was caught between a tumbling industrials sector and a resurgent gold index seeking to claw back some of its recent falls. The overall index ended at 6,780.0, down 9.2 points, with industrials sliding 34.0 points to 7,991.9. The golds index reversed its recent trend to end up 26.0 points at 1,747.2.

Stocks rise as worries over inflation fall WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rose yesterday, with the Dow Jones industrial average creeping toward record levels as a new report reinforced optimism that inflation isn't alarming enough to send interest rates soaring.

Trading remained somewhat restrained, however, as investors braced for some key inflation data later this week. The Dow rose 27.74 points to

close at 5,754.92, pulling within 24 points of its all-time best finish at 5,778.00, set May 22. Earlier in the afternoon, the famed bluechip barometer was up more than 40 points, or less than 11 points from the record.

Both the Dow and broader measures had sagged in the morning amid some weakness in the bond market. But bond prices jumped higher at noon after the Federal Reserve published the results of its periodic survey on

regional business conditions. The survey found that inflation pressures from rising payroll costs are building in many areas of the country, but they have yet to translate into substantial price increases. The report made more likely the prospect that Federal policy makers would raise the central bank's short-term interest rates to guard against any inflationary burst.

Higher interest rates can hurt stocks by slowing consumer spending and raising corporate operating costs. But the financial markets responded positively to the report because it reinforced a growing optimism that the threat of inflation isn't alarming enough to warrant a series of sharp, profit-choking rate hikes by the Fed. A small increase in lending rates has already been factored into the market, many analysis say.

tion Labour Party in the next the giant public sector union Uni-Fast-growing PointCast launches first foreign foray election.

TORONTO (Reuter) - The first foreign edition of the online PointCast Network was launched in Canada yesterday and was experiencing strong demand from

advertisers, officials said. PointCast Canada, backed by Toronto's Globe and Mail newspaper group, officially launched its new service that would be a customised version of the growing PointCast network in the

United States. Brad Geddes, managing director of PointCast Canada, said they expected to have Canadian advertising on the Canadian net-

work within 30 to 45 days. "We've had tremendous amount of interest," he said. PointCast is an Internet-based

news, information and entertainment service that now has one million subscribers since it was established in February.

The Globe and Mail, owned by the newspaper and travel giant Thomson Corp. <TOC.TO>, will manage PointCast Canada under a franchise-like arrangement with Cupertino, Calif. based PointCast.

Geddes said the Globe New Media will pay a fee to PointCast while also sharing in the Canadian advertising revenues.

PointCast delivers its product to the computer desktop via the Internet. PointCast is essentially a hybrid broadcast medium comprising content from magazines, newspapers, and stock markets.

PointCast officials said their service is growing by 250,000 new subscribers a month and already has some 50,000 users in Canada. Users download the operating

software from PointCast for free while the service is supported by animated advertisements that reside in a corner of the user's screen. In Canada, the World Wide Web address is http://www.pointcast.ca.

Company officials said 85 percent of its users were from corporations, likely because the service is designed for users constantly online. The service can be customized by individual users and when not in use becomes a screen saver with continuously updating information.

Content for PointCast Canada will include the Globe and Mail, the country's national newspaper, Canada News Wire, Canadian Corporate News and Reuters.

PointCast Canada also announced it was negotiating with the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. on the possible inclusion of content from English and French television and radio services.

Jim Wickett, vice president of Worldwide business development for PointCast in the United States, said the privately-held company was looking for further joint ventures around the world. He said the company was talking to potential partners with the aim of starting up services in the Europe and the Pacific Rim.

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Juventus downs United, 1-0

TURIN (Reuter) - Alen Boksic scored a superbly taken goal on his home debut to lead new-look European champions Juventus to a 1-0 win over Manchester United in their opening Champions' League group

The 26-year-old Croatian striker, criticized for missing a series of chances in Iuventus's opening league match of the season at Reggiana on Sunday, showed just why coach Marcello Lippi paid Lazio \$9 million for him in the summer with a virtuoso performance that included the only goal of the game after 34 minutes.

Boksic collected a perfect through ball from new French midfield signing Zinedine Zidane, took the ball to the edge of the United box and rode a tackle before sweeping the ball past helpless United goalkeeper Peter

Although it was the only goal of a game that never quite lived up to expectations, it emphasized the significant advantage Juventus, fielding only six players who appeared in last May's European Cup final win over Ajax Amsterdam, held over the English league champions and FA Cup holders.

Their crisp, concise play, built around the non-stop foraging of Boksic, Zidane, Alessandro Del Piero and Didier Deschamps, was in stark contrast to United's hit-and-hope strategy that was further undermined by some sloppy passing and control.

The defeat meant United has lost all five competitive European marches they have played in Italy since the 1957-58 season, during which time they have scored just once and conceded 12 goals.

Group A: in Auxerre: Auxerre (France) 0, Ajax Amsterdam (Neiherlands) 1 (0-1) Scorer: Jari Litmanen (4th).

in Zurich: Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) 3, Glasgow Rangers Scorers: Kubilyay Turkyilmaz (28th, 79th), Murat Yakin (18th).

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Group B: In Madrid: Atletico Madrid (Spain) 4, Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0 (2-0). Scorers: Juan Eduardo Esnaider (28th, 45th) Diego Simeone (64th, 85th).

Group C In Vienna: Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1, Fenerbahce (Turkey) 1 (0-1). Scorers: Rapid Vienna - Christian Stumpf (69th). Fenerbahce - Elvir Bolic (30th).

Group C: In Turin: Juventus (Italy) 1, Manchester United (England) 0 (1-0). Scorer: Alen Boksic (34th).

Group D: In Milan: AC Milan (Italy) 2, Porto (Portugal) 3 (1-0). Scorers: Milan - Marco Simone (14th), George Weah (68th). Porto - Artur (53rd), Jardel (75th, 83rd).

Group D: Gothenburg (Sweden) 2, Rosenburg (Norway) 3 (1-1). Scorers: Gothenburg -Magnus Erfingmark (38th, 49th). Rosenburg - Mini Jakobsen (32nd), Steffen Iversen (52nd), Harald Brattbakk (64th).

Butler suffers broken hand

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Less than a week after his inspirational return to the Los Angeles Dodgers, Brett Butler is sidelined again, probably for the rest of the

And it's possible his career is finished as well.

Playing in just his fifth game after an absence of more than four months because of tonsil cancer, Butler broke his left hand while bunting during the Dodgers' 5-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night.

There was no immediate word on how long Butler will be sidelined, but when asked whether Butler will be able to play again this year, Dodgers manager Bill Russell said. "I would say it's

highly unlikely." When I went out, his hand was turning blue," Russell said. "He I don't know if it's a season-end-got hit pretty good. You knew it ing injury, he's got to be able to was bad. I knew he was going to

come out once I saw it." Butler, who suffered the injury to his throwing hand in the fourth inning, recently told friends and several teammates that he will

retire after this season. Of course, all that could change after the latest development. Butler, 39, has shown that once he puts his mind to something, anything's possible. He went through two operations and 32 radiation

treatments before coming back.
Butler squared around to bunt and Giovanni Carrara's inside pitch hit him on the hand. It was ruled a foul ball by plate umpire Bill Hohn because Butler's hand was on the bat when it was struck.

"It's just a tough break, man," Dodgers second baseman Delino DeShields said. "This isn't like cancer, obviously, but still he's going to be out. It's weird. He busted his tail just to get back. "I don't know, I don't even

know what to say." Dodgers trainer Charlie Strasser

said he didn't want to speculate on how long Butler will be sidelined. "It's a fracture of the fifth metacarpal, that's all we know at this time," Strasser said. "He was going to be put in a splint tonight.

Tomorrow we'll be able to tell you

There are only 18 games left in the regular season, which ends September 29. Butler went to Centinela Hospital Medical Center in nearby Inglewood for Xrays after being injured. Dodgers physician Dr. Frank Jobe went to the hospital to examine him further after it was announced in the ninth inning that Butler had sus-

tained the fracture. "I can't imagine how he feels. it's got to be a devastating blow to him," Russell 'said. "Knowing him, he'll be OK after it settles in. ing injury, he's got to be able to

squeeze a bat. 'It's a devastating blow to him and to us. We have (Wayne) Kirby and (Chad) Curtis (to play center

field). He (Butler) will be missed." Reds outfielder Eric Davis, who was a teammate of Butler's with the Dodgers in 1992-93, winced when he heard about the severity

of Butler's injury. "He's been blessed that he's healthy now, and that's the key," Davis said. "He was able to overcome some tremendous odds, so the fact that he's only played in

five games is not a negative thing. "In my eyes, he's won. Even if he came back and played one game, he still won. But on the downside, he's an inspiration to their ballclub and you hate to see a

guy go down like that." Raul Mondesi had four hits, giving him seven in a row over a two-day period, and Todd Hollandsworth had three, including his 11th homer, as the Dodgers won for the 14th time in

Mixed fortunes for newcomers as National Basketball League opens

IN AN opening night marred by canceled games and blowouts. Hapoel Galil Elyon overcame a ragged beginning to score a relatively routine 90-78 victory over newcomers Maccabi Ra'anana, while newcomers Givat Shmuel scored their first National League victory, whipping former league stalwarts Hapoel Tel Aviv, 84-75.

In the only other game of the night, Maccabi Rishon Lezion embarrassed undermanned Hapoel

Safed, 96-72. Galil Elyon 90 Mac. Ra'anana 78
Apparently Galil Elyon prefers
the role of underdog. Entering the

season with a good chance at making the Final Four, the northerners struggled through the first three quarters of the game before rallying to secure the victory.

Depth and experience proved to be the deciding factors, as Galil Coach David Blatt was able to rotate 10 productive, savvy players into the game while his counterpart, Arik Shibak, had to make do with just six. This had a major effect on Ra'anana center Tomer Steinhauer, who scored 17 of his 21 total points in the first half,

before fatigue set in. Ra'anana started its national League debut, by making life difficult for Blatt's club. The newcomers opened the game with a hustling, tenacious, defense. The zone defense employed by Shibak helped stifle high-scoring Andrew Kennedy throughout the first half,

which ended in a 40-40 deadlock. Foul trouble did not help Galil's cause, as Gur Shelef and Alon Stein racked up their third fouls relatively early. Galil also struggled under the boards throughout, an aspect that could prove to be the team's achilles heel this year. In the end though, it was Kennedy and Shelef, as usual, who led the way with 24 and 18

ELI GRONER

Paddio led all Givat Shmuel

Mac. Rishon 96

Hap. Safed 72

In a game best forgotten,

Maccabi Rishon thrashed their

undermanned opponents from the

Shmuel on a 16-2 run stretching the points, respectively. Jason Dixon advantage to 46-29. (16), Stem (11), and Gil Sela (10) also cracked double-figures. players with 24 points, while Dror Steinhauer and Koren Amisha Cohen chipped in with 16. Hill paced Ra'anana with 21 points paced all scorers with 27.

Givat Shmuel 84 Hapoel TA 75

Givat Shmuel provided team manager Mickey Berkowitz with an unexpected New Year's present an 84-75 road victory at Ussishkin in the team's National

League debut Former UNLV star Gerald Paddio scored the team's first two points, and by the time Hapoel Tel Aviv had scored its first basket, Givat Shmuel had put nine points on the board. The fast pace continued, and Givat Shmuel jumped out to a 23-9 lead before Tel Aviv Coach Meir Kaminsky called for his first time-out.

The non-existence of a reliable shooter from the perimeter was a major factor in Hapoel's falling behind early. Demitri Hill started off as good as advertised, scoring 12 of the Tel Avivians' first 20 points, but without anyone to stretch the Givat Shmuel defense, the deficit stayed the same.

However, Viki Revah and Gil Mosenson came in off the bench and provided an aggressive lift, closing the gap to 29-26. Givat Shmuel Coach Eli Kenati countered by bringing in Sharon Sharkazi, whose deft jump-shot sparked Givat

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Orioles take wild card lead

BALTIMORE - The Baltimore Orioles moved into the lead in the race for the American League wild card berth and kept the pressure on the New York Yankees in the battle for the Eastern Division title with a 5-1 win over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday.

David Wells scattered seven hits over 7 1/3 imnings and Rafael Palmeiro belted a two-run homer to cap a three-run fifth inning for the Orioles, who moved one-half game ahead of the White Sox in the wild card race. The Orioles, who trail New York

by 2 1/2 games, scored three runs in the fifth off starter Kevin Tapani (12-9) to snap a 1-1 tie. Roberto Alomar doubled and beat the throw home on Todd

Zeile's bloop single to left. Palmeiro then hit his 35th homer into the right-center field stands for a 4-1 lead.

"He gave me a good pitch to hit and I just saw the ball well," Palmeiro said. "You've got to give credit to David Wells, he pitched a

great game." Yankees 9, Tigers 8 Cecil Fielder, helped by a hard slide from Tim Raines, drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning in his return to Tiger

Stadium, and the New York Yankees overcame Dwight Gooden's shortest start ever.

Defensive replacement Ruben Rivera made a diving catch in the ninth that preserved the victory, which kept the Yankees 2 1/2 games ahead of Baltimore.

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS; Milwaukee 11, Boston 10 Cleveland 7, California 5 Cleveland 7, Cairornia 3
Baltimore 5, Chicago 1
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TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS: St Louis 1, San Francisco 0 Houston 4, Philadelphia 3 Florida 9, New York 3 (12 Chicago 10, Montreal 3 Colorado 9, Atlanta 8 Los Angeles 5, Cincinnati 4 San Diego 6, Pittsburgh 5

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missing, and their absence was

Rishon jumped out to a 14-0 lead, and the team never looked back. Without putting out too much of an effort, the players were able to maintain and extend their lead until the final buzzer.

Rishon coach Roni Busani ended the game with five new players who were playing their first National League game after being promoted from the team's

Another team newcomer, Doron Due to financial problems, Jamchee led the way with 22 points. James Terry had 22 for Safed. Safed was only permitted to use seven players. Erez Hazan and Andre Spencer were among the

Ramat Gan, Herzliya blocked off court

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

THERE was almost more action off the court than on it yesterday. with two games canceled following teams' inability to come up with the necessary financial guarantees to start the season.

At Maccabi Jerusalem's request, a Jerusalem District Court yesterday issued a restraining order against Maccabi Ramat Gan's playing any of its games, thereby preventing last night's scheduled game between them and Hapoel Holon, and their game against Hapoel

Galil Elyon next Monday night.

Maccabi Jerusalem officials took the unusual step after the club's legal battle to get back into the National League earlier suffered another setback when the Israel Basketball Association announced its five-member panel had upheld its decision to demote Jerusalem to the Second Division for failing to provide the necessary financial

However, the panel recommended that the original decision to stop all activity by the team be overturned, allowing it to compete in the Second Division and in State Cup play. That was not expected to sat-

isfy Maccabi Jerusalem officials, who are appealing the decision.

Meanwhile, league officials also refused to allow Bnei Herzliya to play its scheduled contest against defending champions Maccabi Tel Aviv, since starters Amir Mukhtari, Opher Fleischer and Lior Arditi did not sign agreements to allow the team to reschedule debts owed by the club to other players.



DP CITY - Florida's Kurt Abbott forces out NY's Tim Bogar.(AP)

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77 69 .531 Gavri Levy to become next IFA chairman

GAVRI Levy is set to take over the most important job in Israeli soccer when he assumes the chairmanship of the Israel

Football Association next month. Levy defeated Hapoel rival Haim Haberfeld for the job by a single vote, and will replace current chairman Azrikam Milchan for the next 15 months, until a new IFA management comORI LEWIS

mittee is elected.

Under a rotation deal agreed upon after the last IFA elections, the Maccabi representative (Milchan) and an Hapoel representative would share the job, with one becoming the other's deputy for the rest of the period. Levy has held the

deputy's role since the last IFA elections in 1993. Levy and Haberfeld, who has sat in the chairman's office twice before, were the two candidates for the job on behalf of the Hapoel sports organization, with 37 Hapoel management committee members splitting their votes 19-18 in favor of Levy, who will hold the position for

Canada wins Game 1 of hockey finals

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Steve Yzerman scored with 9:23 left in overtime as Canada beat the United States 4-3 in the opener of their best-of-three World Cup of Hockey championship series.

Yzerman's shot from 10 feet out in the left circle glanced off goaltender Mike Richter's glove and dropped over the goal line to win Tuesday night's game.

Canada, which outshot the United States 7-1 in overtime and 35-26 overall, was only 6.3 seconds away from victory in regulation when John LeClair sent the game into overtime with a goal that was actually pushed into the net by defenseman Eric Desjardins.

With just under 10 seconds to play in the third period and the US having lifted its goaltender for the extra attacker, Joel Otto won a draw in the Canada zone to Brian Leetch.

Leetch's shot from 20 feet was stopped by Curtis Joseph, but the rebound bounced clear. Desjardins was trying to shove the loose puck under his goalie but it went too far, dribbling into the net.

Theo Fleury's goal halfway through the final period gave Canada a 3-2 lead.

Fleury, who scored in the second overtime against Sweden on Saturday to move Canada into the championship round, collected a loose puck outside the US blue line and skated in on Richter. He faked a move to the front of the net, causing Richter to drop to the ice, then beat the goalie with a short shot from a tough angle along the goal line at 9:58.

Game 2 of the series will be today in Montreal. If needed, Game 3 will take place Saturday in Montreal.

Eric Lindros and Claude Lemieux scored the other goals for Canada. Derian Hatcher scored

both US goals.
The US trailed 1-0 after one period before Hatcher scored twice in the second. Lemieux's goal with 39 seconds left in the second period made it 2-2 going into the third.

Lemieux was credited with the tying goal on a play set up by Mark Messier. Messier sidestepped a check at the blue line by Mathieu Schneider and skated along the right wing before flipping a pass to the net.

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The puck hit either Lemieux or the US's Scott Young in front and dropped into the net.

Both of Hatcher's goals came when he moved in from his defenseman's post.

The US, outshot 11-5 in the first period, had few scoring chances and didn't play as crisply as they have throughout the tournament.

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Special panel formed to analyze Israeli Olympics

HEATHER CHAIT

THE Atlanta Games are now at the committee stage. The Olympic Committee of Israel heard two reports this week on how our athletes fared in Atlanta. After Director of the Elite Sports Unit Itzik Ben-Melech and Director General of the IOC Ephraim Zinger presented their findings, a decision was taken to set up a committee to analyze the 1996 games in preparation for the 2000 and 2004 games. The IOC and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport will sit jointly on the committee.

Shooting stars A gold medal went to the nation-

al women shooters (until age 19) the European Youth Championships held in Bulgaria. Chani Ukensky, Shlomit Tahani and Talia Sahar finished first in the group event, beating Russia and Austria into second and third

Ziv vs. Seles Kobi Ziv reached the third round of the US Open junior event, los-

ing to Hungary's Bardosky. Ziv. ranked 11 among Israel's top players, received some compensation for losing by being asked to practice with Monica

Seles for one hour on court. Moving along the time scale. Israel's men's senior tennis team (age 45) beat Croatia 4-1 in the world seniors championships in Austria. Playing for Israel were Michael Sela (Ofer's father), Ronny Goldman and Amiram Gertler.

Moving up

jumper Constantin Matusevich jumped to his second best height ever in a tournament in the Ukraine. Matusevich cleared 2.29 meters, 5 cm short of his national record.

Five thousand workers will swap their business suits for tracksuits next month when the annual Sportiada begins in Eilat. Competition in 12 sports will be held in the event from October 15-

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WHAT'S ON

CLASSICAL MUSIC

HELEN KAYE

MUSIC by Liszt and Brahms is on the program of the season's opening concert at the Beit Jamal Monastery. The musicians are the Danichenko Family Trio. On Saturday at 5 p.m. Info: 02-991-3195.

GENERAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

TENOR Shapovalov performs a program comprising popular Neapolitan songs including "O Sole Mio" and "Torna a Sorriento," opera arias such as the ever popular "La Donna e Mobile" from Verdi's Rigoletto as well as songs from his new disc which features Russian romances and Israeli songs ranging from the poetess Rahel to Aviv Gefen.

He is joined by soprano Larisa Tatuev and accompanied by Tania Kopile at the piano and a trio of violins. Saturday in Kfar Sava (9) and Monday (9) at the Enav Center in Tel Aviv.



Dave (Alec Baldwin) nearly gets killed in the thriller 'Heaven's Prisoners.'

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** COLD COMFORT FARM - Based on Stella Gibbons's 1932 novel, this is a quirky little social satire about a headstrong young woman with clear ideas about literature and interior design. After her parents die, aspiring London writer Flora Poste (Kate Beckinsale) packs her bags and sets off eagerly for the Sussex countryside where she plans to stay with a crew of rustic relatives and gather literary material. The film blends broad caricature with a slightly bookish pace in a manner that's familiar from other BBCproduced adaptations of classic comedies, but which at least comes naturally to director John Schlesinger. While the movie may be a bit bluestockinged for certain tastes and while it still isn't up to the level of Schlesinger's best films, it's a thoroughly respectable and thoughtful piece of

work. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

Joanou's moody thriller, Alec Baldwin plays a former New Orleans cop who finds himself back in action when he and his long-legged, sympathetic wife (Kelly Lynch) witness the crash of a plane in the bayou near their home. They pull a little girl, the only survivor, from the wreckage and decide to call her their own, a move which leads, rather inevitably, to a string of mysterious,

While there is a certain strained suspension of

*** HEAVEN'S PRISONERS - In Phil

violent occurrences.

disbelief involved in a plot like this one, which requires of the hero that he both exude wry intelligence and act quite foolishly, strutting headlong into all sorts of life-threatening situations, Baldwin makes it all come alive and seem thoroughly plausible. In his hands, the illogic of a script becomes the irrationality of a character, a far more compelling prospect. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance very strong-

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TELEVISION

E CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

E EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 A Glimpse at History 8:30 Family Relations 9:00 Looking at Arithmetic 9:25 Learning to Read 9:45 Programs for young children 10:15 Around the Globe 10:30 Literature 11:00 Mathematics 11:10 French 11:30 Life Sciences 12:00 Diving in the Red Sea 12:30 Arts 13:00 Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:25 Kitty Cot and Tommy 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gall 15:00 Autitus

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13:00 Make a Wish 13:30 Super Duper 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Clipop 16:00 The Bold and the Seautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rali Reshef 17:30 Open Cards 18:00 Santa Barbara 17:30 Open Cards 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Money Magazine 20:50 Candid Camera with Yigal Shilon 21:40 Dan Shilon Live 23:15 Exposure – weekly program on different aspects of Israeli society presented by Micha Limor 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Two 00:30 Fields of Fire 1:30 From the Concert Hall 2:00 The Anarchist 3:00 On the Edinard the Shalf Edge of the Shelf

JORDAN TV

15:05 Double Dragon 15:35 NBA Basketball 16:35 Take Your Pick (game show) 17:00 French programs 19:00 Le Journal 19:30 News Hearlines 19:35 Here's Lucy (comedy) 20:00 Taratata (music) 21:10 Star Trek - The Next Generation 22:00 News in English 22:25 Which Way Home (1991) - a dedicated nurse, with seven young orphans in tow, sets out from a That refugee camp in an attempt to rescue them . Starting Cybill Shepherd 24:00 Family Matters - comedy

III MIDDLE EAST TV

8:00 TV Shop 14:00 The 700 Club 14:55

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16:00 News 16:15 The Harem 17:15 Science and Technology 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Today - news in Russian 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Telekosset 21:15 Domicile Conjugal (1970) - story of a married man with a family who spends his leisure time either writing or com-mitting achitery. Starring Jean Fierre Lou-197 mins.) 22:25 International Crime 23:20 Video Clips

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Butterfly Island 16:00 Stories from Life 16:30 A Family of Strangers – a wiclower with two daughters and a divorce with one daughter per married and try to build a new tamily 17:00 Before Induction 17:35 Explore 18:00 Destinos 18:30 Art Workshop 19:00 Faces of Culture 19:30 Point of View 20:00 A New Evening, with Russan suctities 20:30 Family Album 21:00 Star Treic The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Seventy Faces 22:30 Equinox – science series

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (m) 9:00 One Life to Live (m) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (m) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (m) 11:20 Peria Negra (m) 12:10 Neighbors (m) 12:35 Dailas (m) 12:10 Neighbors (m) 12:35 Dailas (m) 12:35 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dailas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Peria Negra 20:50 Baywatch Nights 21:40 Renegade 22:30 The New Unbourlables - suspense 23:20 Frasier 23:45 Melrose Place 00:30 Models Inc. 1:20 Hill Street Blues 2:10 Return to Eden 3:00 Medicine Ball - drama 3:45 ENG - drama

III MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:00 The Ryan White Story (1989) (rpt)
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new movie A Time to Kill 20:25 The Woman
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Flight 174 (1995) – the captain of a Boeing
767 discovers that he is out of fuel and fights
to land his plane safely. With William Devine
(90 mins.) 23:40 One False Move (1992)
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alcoholic drifter finds a job as a cook in a
Greek club in a town in the Outback and
gets involved in a minder (105 mins.) 3:10 A
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8:30 Cartoons 9:05 Simba the King of the Jungle 9:30 VR Troopers 9:55 Little

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SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Repentance (1984, Georgian) – A black comedy depicting the rise, rule and lat of an Imaginary count who ruled a Georgian town as a dictator. With Avtandil Makharadze and Zeinab Botsvadze. Directed by Tengiz Abuladze. (144 mins.) 00:30 Stavisky (1974, French) – True story of a swindler who worked in France in the 30s and rose to be part of the compit prewar high society. With Jean-Paul Belmondo, Gerard Departieu and Charles Boyer. Directed by Alain Resmais. (112 mins.)

m DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Cousteau (rpt)
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21:30 Wonders of Weather 22:00 Kaita and
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Deutschas Requiem 00:30 Bach: English
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6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News with Torn Brokaw 7:30 ITN World News 8:00 Today 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Sheet Morning Reports 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 22:00 Baseball 23:00 The Toright Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw

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EUROSPORT

9:30 Cycling from Spain (rpt) 10:00 Motor Sports Magazine 12:00 Tennis: ATP

Romanian Open - live 14:00 Formula 1
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PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Soccer: Tiger Cup 6:30 International Sports Magazine 7:30 Sadminton: Indianapolis Open 11:30 Motorcycle Racing: World Championships, Holland 13:00 Seach Volleyhall 14:30 International Motor Sports Magazine 15:00 VWF Action Zone 16:00 Soccer: Tiger Cup, Laos vs Myanmar 18:00 Asia Sports Show 18:30 Chinese League Soccer 19:00 Futbol Mondal 20:00 Cricket Sunday League 00:30 WWF Action Zone 1:30 Soccer: Tiger Cup, Laos vs Myanmar (rpt)

M BSC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 White Heat 10:05 International Report: The United States (rpt) 11:30 Airpot (rpt) 12:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motonworld (rpt) 15:05 Horizon (rpt) 16:15 World Business Report 18:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 17:30 The Fat Man in France (rpt) 18:05 White Heat (rpt) 19:30 Famborough Aerial Show (rpt) 20:00 World News 22:05 Correspondent 23:30 Tomorrow's World 00:00 World News and Business Report

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RADIO

IL VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Tomasi: Trumpet concerto; Mendelssohn: Quintet in B flat op 87 (Kfar Blum, 1992); Haydrichard concerto in G; Dvorak: String quartet in D minor op 34 (Panocha Qf); Rossini: Stabat Mater 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod – familiar music and quiz 14:06 Summer Days 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Busoni: Contrapuntal Fantasy for 2 pianos; Britten: Serenade for tenor, born and strings op 31 (Pears/Brain/Boyd Neel/Britten); Reger: Fantasia and Fugue on Bach's name (Rogg); Britten: Missa brevis for boys' voices and organ; Sibelius: Intimate Voices (Sibelius Acad Qt); Fauric Barcarolle in G 18:00 New CDs – Bruckner: Symphony no 8 (Dresden State/Sinopoli); Hindemith: Trio no 1 op 34 (German String Trio) 20:05 From the Recording Studio – Ilan Gronich (violin), Eti Hefetz (clarinet), Emanuel Gruber (cello), Michael Boguslavsky (piano). Messiaen: Quatuor pour la fin du temps 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 The Art of the Song 6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Tomasi

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Armed cyclists freed 2 friends before surrendering

NICOSIA (AP) - Two armed Israelis on motorcycles halted a police car yesterday and freed two other Israelis being taken to court to face charges of possessing \$7.200 in counterfeit money, police said.

The two bikers and the freed pair fled on the two motorcycles into the UN buffer zone splitting Cyprus into the Greek south and the Turkish north, before later surrendering to Turkish Cypriot

"They came speeding down here like a bullet," a Greek Cypriot policeman said at the southern checkpoint of the buffer zone, near Nicosia's old Ledra Palace hotel.

Greek Cypriot police identified the two freed Israelis as Shuki Samana, 24, a car salesman, and Avi Biton, 21, a tire repairman.

FORMER Jerusalem mayor Teddy

Kollek said yesterday that during

his administration, dozens of

streets were closed to traffic on

Testifying before the public

committee on transportation on

Shabbat, headed by Dr. Zvi

Zameret, Kollek added that it

might have been possible to solve

the dispute over traffic on

Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan before

the issue got in the spotlight, but

that now the problem is virtually

The committee was appointed

by Transport Minister Yitzhak

Levy at the request of the High

Court, which refused to rule on the

Bar-Ilan issue until the entire issue

of closing streets on Shabbat is

Kollek recalled that shortly after

Street during prayer times at

Jeshurun Synagogue, then the

largest synagogue in Jerusalem.

The issue passed without protest,

Kollek also said that his administration had in effect

divided the city between the reli-

gious and the secular, with no

commercial activity in the haredi sections on Shabbat and exten-

sive nightlife on Shabbat in the

other parts of the city. At the time, he said, haredi City Council members had agreed to the arrangement, but refused to

He also revealed that demonstra-

tions against Shabbat traffic on the

formalize it in law.

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Biton, 24. It was not known if the two Bitons are related.

About an hour after the four fled north, two UN officers brought two red motorcycles from the buffer zone and parked them outside the Ledra Palace police post.

All four surrendered to the Turkish Cypriot police, the Turkish Cyptiot news agency said, quoting a statement by Turkish Cypriot Police Chief Eray Mertturk.

The agency later said the four were remanded for three days to give police time to investigate

Mertturk said the Greek Cypriot side had not sought extradition of the four from the north, where a breakaway state recognized only by Turkey was declared in 1983.

The Turkish Cypriot news agency identified their liberators ever, asked Turkish Cypriot

Ramot Road had only ended after

a group of secular activists had

broken the windows of an apart-

ment house from which the

protests and stone throwing had

originated. However, he added, he

still fears expected haredi rule

been more considerate of the

haredim than the haredim will be

of the secular when they take con-

In this context. Zameret cited an

expert who had appeared before

the committee and predicted that

in 2010, Jerusalem would have 250,000 haredim, 250,000 Arabs,

and 350,000 secular, traditional,

and modern religious Jews com-

who also testified yesterday, said

image than reality. He recalled

the nightlife on weekends and the

fact that performers at the open-

ing of the Israel Festival had per-

formed nude, with barely a mur-

one tried to open a cafe on

the special atmosphere in Jerusalem on Shabbat and said

However, Mayor Ehud Olmert,

"I believe that the secular have

over the city.

trol," Kollek said.

Kollek: Bar-Ilan

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HAIM SHAPIRO

he assumed office, City Council that the so-called haredi takeover

as Shimon Amor, 17, and David authorities to hand the four men over to the UN for prosecution in Greek Cypriot courts for allegedly threatening UN peacekeepers with

knives while fleeing. Greek Cypriot police spokesman Glafcos Xenos said the two motorcyclists pulled alongside the police car driving the two Israelis to court when it stopped at a traffic light not far from the Nicosia

One had a gun, and the other a knife. They quickly cut the handcuff chains linking the two prisoners to each other," Xenos said. "All four jumped on the motorcycles and sped away."

The two freed prisoners were arrested on August 30, after police found \$7,200 in suspected counterfeit US currency in their possession. Avi Biton and Samana were ordered held pending formal charges, set for yesterday in



Avi Biton (left) and Shuki Samana, freed by two accomplices yesterday, during a court appearance on September 6 in Larnaca for allegedly possessing counterfeit money. The pair and their accomplices later surrendered by Turkish Cypriot police.

Gore, Kemp woo Jewish vote with pro-Israel speeches at NYC bash

IN speeches finely tuned to the American presidential campaign, Vice President Al Gore and his Republican rival, Jack Kemp, vied Tuesday night to show how committed each is to Israel and to a relationship with Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu. History will record that Israel has never had a better friend in the White House than President Bill Clinton," Gore said at a New York dinner to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"Just as we once walked side by side in partnership for peace with Yitzhak Rabin, we are proud to walk by your side, Mr. Prime Minister, in your search for peace with securi-' Gore said.

The US recognizes that Israel's aspirations for peace must be balanced with demands for security, and it is the Israelis who must determine how to keep this balance, said Gore, who was repeatedly interrupted by applause. "I do not doubt for a moment that this prime

minister will seek peace with all of Israel's neighbors, seek it cautiously but energetically," Gore said, warning that Israel's neighbors should not "mistake his stemness for belliger-

At his last public appearance during his two-

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day visit to the US, Netanyahu called both Gore and Kemp friends of the Jewish people and made no reference to any disagreements with the Clinton administration. Instead, he noted that when the US challenged Iraq last week, it was only Israel and Britain that quickly supported the US move without reservations.

He said he intends not merely to search for peace, but to achieve it. However, Netanyahu said: "The temptation is always there to sign pieces of paper. But securing peace is not easy. We want formal peace, secure peace, and a prosperous peace for ourselves and our neigh-

Referring to his Israel agenda, Kemp said that a Republican administration would not follow the "misguided efforts" to force Israel to give back the Golan Heights.

Kemp also reminded the audience that it was Bob Dole who had introduced legislation in the Senate to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem. "I believe that by 1999 even the US State Department can learn how to say, 'Next year in Jerusalem,' " Kemp said, a blast at Clinton's

And though he said he was not trying to market Netanyahu's book, he held up a copy, saying it was the blueprint for how a Dole administration would fight terrorism

Facing an audience of 1,000 well-heeled and politically connected Jews, Kemp also sought to recover from published remarks in which he appeared to praise Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the black separatist Nation of Islam. Farrakhan, who has cozy relations with Libya. is widely seen as an antisemite.

Kemp said his remarks had been "sorely misrepresented," and called upon Farrakhan to 'once and for all renounce antisemitism."

Netanyahu avoided all but the Gore and Kemp speeches during the three-plus-hour dinner, which was intended to raise funds for the Presidents Conference. Instead, he caused commotion at the front of the room as he - and a phalanx of Israeli and US security men escorted Kemp and Gore, separately, in and out of the hall, and reportedly held private meetings with them during his lengthy absences.

When it was his turn to speak, Netanyahu proved himself an adept veteran of the dinner circuit, easing the restlessness in the room by saying: "This is definitely a Jewish dinner. Three hours into it and you haven't begun the main course."

AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards

IN yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the king of spades, the ace of hearts, the eight of diamonds and the ace of clubs.

Beersheba girl forced to travel to Belgium to get liver transplant

JUDY SIEGEL

ANNA Korchevnik, 10, of Beersheba, and her father will have to fly urgently to Brussels for the transplant of part of his liver into her because "bureaucratic rather than medical" problems have held up Health Ministry approval of the procedure here.

Dr. Oded Jurim, a senior transplant surgeon at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, said yesterday that the pecial ministry committee estab lished earlier this year to study the matter decided two months ago to recommend that it be allowed at Hadassah. However, Jurim said this recommendation has not yet been officially approved, even though Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi's predecessor, Ephraim Sneh, gave his approval in principle months before leaving office.

"It is not a simple operation; it could have more senious complications than a relative giving one of his kidneys to a child. But it is performed with much success in the US, Japan, and some European countries. We at Hadassah would be ready to perform the surgery

immediately."
Health Ministry spokesman Eti Lahav conceded that the special committee, headed by Prof. Alexander Gillon, had recommended approval of the procedure here, but he said other aspects of the issue, including "legal and ethical ones," had not yet been resolved.

reticence about moving the embassy - which was shared by the Labor government. Supreme Court concludes hearing Kikos murderer's appeal

On the other hand, when some-THE Supreme Court finished Shabbat near a large religious area, Olmert himself did all he could to stop it. He commented on later date.

that it was part of the character of At the hearing, prosecutor Nava Ben-Or responded to the argu-"I myself drive on Shabbat, but I would not drive on Rehov Bar-Ilan," he said. He added that in his view the best, and most economic, solution to the Bar-Ilan problem would be to construct a tunnel the length of the street. In the

end, he said, it would be less costly than bringing hundreds of conviction. policemen there to keep order every Shabbat.

hearing Suleiman Abeid's appeal against his conviction for the rape and murder of Hanit Kikos yesterday, but Justices Shlomo Levine, Eliezer Goldberg, and Ya'akov Kedmi will give their verdict at a

ments raised by defense attorney Avigdor Feldman on Tuesday, and to the questions presented at the start of the session by Goldberg, who said he was troubled by the many inaccuracies and contradictions in Abeid's confessions to the police, which were the basis of his

For instance, Goldberg noted, Abeid described the 17-year-old Kikos as being 30 or 40; he erro-neously described her as a redhead; he initially said he raped her three times, but later said he raped her only once; he said several times that she might come back, which he would know was impossible if he had murdered her, he could not remember whether she was wearing pants or a dress; he said he strangled her with one hand while driving, which appears medically impossible; and he said

had confessed. Ben-Or responded that many of

in a Beersheba drainage ditch - a

lie which was pointless once he

the contradictions could be explained by a war between Abeid's emotional need to confess and the dictates of his intelligence. After being impelled to confess by an inner need, she said, his brain would reassert itself and cause

him to backtrack. Abeid's behavior was psychologically consistent with a real confession, Ben-Or argued. For whether he had seen the outburst, and told him it was caused by the fact that he had been "remembering." When the policemen asked what he had remembered, he

responded: "I remembered that girl." Ben-Or also denied Feldman's claim that Abeid's confession had been "guided" by the police. His first confession was to a police agent planted in his cell, very shortly after he was remanded, and it included details which he could not have heard from the police, she said.

Regarding the manner in which he killed Kikos, Ben-Or noted that according to a medical opinion by the state's pathologist, it would be possible to strangle someone one-handed while driving, if the person were unconscious and already close to death. In Abeid's first confession, he said he had beat Kikos severely, so this is a reasonable scenario, she said.

instance, at one court session, he burst into tears. When he got back he had buried the body in the to the jail, he asked a policeman Dudaim dump, when in fact it was

Testimony begins in trial of MK Meir Sheetrit

THE Jerusalem District Court began hearing testimony in the trial of former Jewish Agency treasurer MK Meir Sheetrit, who is charged with misusing his agency credit card.

Sheetrit is charged with using a Jewish Agency credit card to buy personal items without reporting them, and of taking his family on vacation in the US at agency expense. He claimed the visit was a business

trip,
Prosecutor Nurit Blobstein, in presenting

the charges against Sheetrit, said that on the trip in question, his wife's tickets were paid for by the agency expense, while his children's tickets were obtained with frequent flyer points obtained while on trips for agency

Sheetrit claimed that on the visit - which he said was a business trip to Norfolk, Virginia he was accompanied by his wife based on the understanding in the agency that once every three years a member of the board's wife could

accompany him abroad, and that the members could use their frequent flyer points for this purpose. Blobstein noted that during the trip. the family went to Disneyland and shows with

Regarding the second indictment, the prosecution claims that Sheetrit used his agency credit card 40 times to buy personal items without reporting them. Sheetrit said he reported all of them by writing "personal" on the credit card receipts.



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